THE LORD'S DAY

29 December 2024 10:30



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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Praise</u>

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
 Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
 Join me in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend you.

 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

 If with his love he befriends you.
 - 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

 Let the Amen sound from his people again;

 Gladly forever adore him.

Song of Praise

Dieu tout puissant

 Dieu tout puissant, quand mon coeur considère, Tout l'univers créé par ton pouvoir, Le ciel d'azur, les éclairs, le tonnerre Le clair matin ou les ombres du soir.

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    Quand par les bois, ou la forêt profonde,
        J'erre et j'entends tous les oiseaux chanter;
        Quand sur les monts, la source avec son onde,
        Livre au zéphyr son chant doux et léger
        // Mon coeur heureux, s'écrie à chaque instant :
          « O Dieu d'amour, que tu es grand ! » //
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3. Mais quand je songe, ô sublime mystère!
Qu'un Dieu si grand a pu penser à moi;
Que son cher Fils est devenu mon frère,
Et que je suis l'héritier du grand Roi
// Alors mon coeur redit, la nuit, le jour :
« Que tu es bon, ô Dieu d'amour! » //

4. Quand mon Sauveur éclatant de lumière,
Se lèvera de son trône éternel,
Et que laissant les douleurs de la terre,
Je pourrai voir les splendeurs de son ciel :

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// Je redirai dans son divin séjour,
Rien n'est plus grand que son amour. //
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"How Great Thou Art" | Stuart K Hine © 1953 Stuart Hine Trust | Translation by Alexandre Arnéra

Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Renewal

Confession of Sin

Matthew 22:37-40

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive us for what we have done in the past, help us in our current state, and direct us in what tomorrow brings, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

Song of Assurance

There Is One Gospel

- There is one Gospel on which I stand, for all eternity
 It is my story, my Father's plan; the Son has rescued me
 Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need
 Now and forever He is my light; I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 2. There is one Gospel to which I cling; all else I count as loss For there, where justice and mercy meet; He saved me on the cross No more I boast in what I can bring; no more I carry the weight of sin For He has brought me from death to life; I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - 3. There is one Gospel where hope is found; the empty tomb still speaks For death could not keep my Saviour down; He lives and I am free Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes; my life is His and His hope is mine! For He has promised I, too, will rise; I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - 4. And in this Gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone
 We have His Spirit as we press on, to lead us safely home
 And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me
 Praise to my Saviour, the King of life; I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Proclamation

First Reading

Jeremiah 36:27-32

pg. 742 (En) / pg. 513 (Fr)

Second Reading

Luke 1:1-4

pg. 947 (En) / pg. 659 (Fr)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

We Can Have Confidence in the Scriptures

Luke 1:1-4 Julian Bacon

1. We can have confidence in the Scriptures because of the events being fulfilled among us. (Luke 1:1)



- 2. We can have confidence in the Scriptures because of the eyewitness accounts (Luke 1:2)
- 3. We can have confidence in the Scriptures because of the author's careful attention (Luke 1:3-4)

<u>Response</u>

The Lord's Supper

Ex. 12:23, 26; 1 Cor. 11:24-25; 5:7

Song of Response

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

- 1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity In our longing in our darkness, now the light of life has come Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us
- 2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; He the perfect Son of Man In His living in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand
- 3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; Christ the Lord upon the tree
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
 See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold
 Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold
- 4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry; slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord He is alive!

 What a foretaste of deliv'rance; how unwavering our hope
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

"Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery" Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleeker © 2013 Getty Music

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Schedule & Announcements

Sunday, 5 January: 10h30 - Worship Service

New Sunday Location for Hope: <u>Starting next week (5 January)</u> our Sunday Worship Service will be held at **Ave. A.J. Slegers 96**, 1200 Woluwe Saint Lambert.

Children: We encourage families to stay together during the worship service if possible. We offer a couple of optional resources that we hope are helpful to parents:

- For children 4 and under There is a room in the back where young children can be supervised by volunteers.
- For older kids We have an activity sheet to assist them in following along with the worship service.

Hope Greenhouse: Our ministry for teenagers meets 2x per month. There are no more meetings planned for December, but the Greenhouse will resume in January.



Community Groups: These home groups are a great way to get to know others in the church while we pray, eat, and study God's word together. All are welcome!

Talk to Daniel or Julian if you would like to get connected with one of our groups.

Counseling and Care: if you are in special need of counseling or pastoral care, please contact Julian or Daniel.

Giving: There are two ways to give to the church:

- 1) You can give to Hope via the donations box on the back table, or
- 2) via bank transfer to the following account:

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Our Mission

We seek to be a community that worships God, spreads the hope of the gospel, and grows together as disciples of Jesus.

Sunday Worship at 10h30

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