

ALDERSGATE SUNDAY 2020
Zoom service 24th May

Call to worship:

The God of all grace calls us to be what the Spirit made us in baptism:

**God has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One
who called us out of darkness into God's marvellous light.**

HYMN 364 - O for a thousand tongues to sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing – my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad – the honours of your name.

Jesus – the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

See all your sins on Jesus laid: the Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made – that all may heaven gain.

In Christ, our Head, you then shall know, shall feel, your sins forgiven,

Anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

Opening prayers:

Collect for Aldersgate Sunday

God of overwhelming grace,
you ignited the spark of your grace in John and Charles Wesley and a passion for holiness,
justice and sharing your great love with others.
Warm our hearts that we may trust in you.
Renew our conviction and inspire us to embrace new opportunities even in difficulty.
Pour out your spirit on your people that we may be united in your love
and ready to share hope with the world through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit.
One God, now and for ever. **Amen**

John 17: 1-11

Acts 1: 1-14

Hymn: The Same Power (Worship Central) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0AhLUTp368>

Ephesians 4: 8 Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Song - Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name
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Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
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The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 503 - Love divine all loves excelling

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Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us they humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory, into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

BLESSING (by John Wesley)

Now, to God the Father, who first loved us,
and made us accepted in the Beloved;
to God the Son, who loved us,

and washed us from our sins in his own blood;
to God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts,
be all love and all glory in time and to all eternity.

Amen.

Sung blessing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtl3mNj5U&t=150s>