



**A very warm welcome  
Sunday 28 March 2021**

## **Welcome - Tom Wright**

### **Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart**

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true  
Word

I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart  
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's  
Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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## **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayers - led by Jeremy Yeung

### Notices

#### **Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens**

Your glory shines in all that you have made  
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness  
All earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent  
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered  
The one who spoke out stars now breathes his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners  
That you would pay the price my sin deserves?  
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness  
And from his wounds flows mercy unreserved

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory  
Death could not hold the one who authored life!

His radiant light has shattered through our darkness

And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And so we wait in eager expectation  
And join the song as all creation groans:  
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
The Day you call your sons and daughters home."

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### **Talk - Chris Fishlock**

### **1 Corinthians 1:18**

*<sup>1:18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

## **1. A message: The word of the Cross**

### **1 Corinthians 15:3-6**

*<sup>15:3</sup> ...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred...*

## **2. A decision: Folly or Power**

## **3. A future: Perishing or Saved**

**So what?**

**Want to know more about the Christian faith? Here are some suggestions...**

**READ** a copy of John's gospel. Available widely [online](#).

**JOIN** our upcoming *Christianity Explored* course. Details at [stnickschurch.org.uk](http://stnickschurch.org.uk).

**JOIN** us again at [St Nick's Church](#). Sundays, 11am

## As the heavens are higher than the Earth

So his ways are higher than the ways of this world

And his thoughts run deeper than the mind of man

Father break into our darkened hearts

### *Chorus*

*I will trust in you as you speak to me*

*I will turn to you as you call my name*

*As the rain gives life on this arid ground*

*So your Word will bring your children home*

### *Chorus*

Come and listen to his gentle voice

For the words he speaks to us are Spirit and life

Come and seek your Saviour while he may be found

Sure that Jesus' words can never fail

### *Chorus*

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Come and drink the river of his Word

If you thirst for water that can satisfy

Come and join the banquet at the

Master's feast

Where his love and faithfulness provide

## Final words

### Notices:

**Christianity Explored.** Join us for our three week course considering the claims of Christianity. Who is Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean for me?

Mondays 12, 19 & 26 April, 6pm - 7pm, on Zoom. Sign up at [stnicks.org.uk/christianity-explored](https://stnicks.org.uk/christianity-explored)

Could you run an online event for colleagues? [gospelatwork.org.uk/questions-for-life](https://gospelatwork.org.uk/questions-for-life)

**Good Friday & Easter services.** Join us at 11am on Friday 2nd & Sunday 4th April in person or online.

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