



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday Evening, 21 July 2024 – Rev Andy Longwe**

**Call to Worship**

**Song of Adoration: Psalm 27:1-5**

1 The LORD's my saviour and my light— who will make me dismayed? The LORD's the stronghold of my life— why should I be afraid?	4 One thing I'll plead before the LORD, and this I'll seek always: That I may come within God's house and dwell there all my days—
2 When evildoers threaten me to take my life away, My adversaries and my foes will stumble in that day.	That on the beauty of the LORD I constantly may gaze, And in his house may seek to know direction in his ways.
3 Although an army hems me in, my heart will feel no dread; Though war against me should arise, I will lift up my head.	5 For in his dwelling he will keep me safe in troubled days; Within his tent he'll shelter me, and on a rock me raise.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 93-95** (communal reading)

*Q93. How are these commandments divided?*

A. Into two parts. The first teaches us how to live in relation to God; the second, what duties we owe our neighbour.

*Q94. What does the LORD require in the first commandment?*

A. That for the sake of my very salvation I avoid and flee all idolatry, witchcraft, superstition, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. Further, that I rightly come to know the only true God. trust in Him alone, submit to Him with all humility and patience, expect all good from Him only, and love, fear, and honour Him with all my heart. In short, that I forsake all creatures rather than do the least thing against His will.

*Q95. What is idolatry?*

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which to put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God who has revealed Himself in His Word.

**Song of Confession: Psalm 27:7-11, 13-14**

7 LORD, hear me when I call to you; be merciful and speak!	11 Teach me, O LORD, how I should live, and lead me in your way; Make straight my path, because my foes oppress me every day.
8 "Come, seek my face!" you told my heart; your face, LORD, I will seek.	
9 O do not hide your face from me, and do not turn aside Your servant in your righteous wrath, for you have been my guide.	13 Yet I am sure that in this life God's goodness I will see.
O God my Saviour, leave me not; do not reject my plea.	14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, take heart. For him wait patiently.
10 My parents may forsake me, LORD, but you will welcome me.	

## Pastoral Prayer

### Song of Thanksgiving: Only a Holy God

*(Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, 2016 CityAlight Music, CCL No 1905213)*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus*

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God.

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.*

*Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.*

*Come and worship the Holy God.*

### Bible reading

*Psalm 27 (p 460)*

### Sermon: *Summer in the Psalms: David's Deepest Desire*

### Song of Response: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

*(Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Matthew Merker, ©2020 Getty Music Publishing, CCL No 1905213)*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Now and ever we confess*


*Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*Chorus*

### Benediction

<p><b>Meet with us</b> Sunday 10:30am – Prayer meeting Sunday 11am – Morning worship Sunday 5:30pm – Evening worship</p> <p>Midweek – House groups &amp; prayer meeting (see weekly bulletin for details)</p>	<p><b>Connect with us</b> To receive a weekly bulletin &amp; zoom link to the midweek prayer meeting:</p> <p>Send a request to Laura (<a href="mailto:churchadmin@lpc.org.uk">churchadmin@lpc.org.uk</a>)</p>	
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