

Sunday 14 July 2024

**1 Timothy 6:11–16**Leading  
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- 1 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!”  
And who am I, though made below the angels,  
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.
- 2 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.**
- 3 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 who are we,  
that you would call us children,  
and raise us up from death to life with you,  
where we will sing  
the New Creation anthem:  
“O praise the one  
who’s making all things new!”.**
- 4 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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**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 sins.  
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.

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**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 for ever. Amen.

Leader As the Father raises the dead and gives them life,

**All so also the Son gives life to whom he will.**

Leader For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgement to the Son,

**All that all may honour the Son, just as they honour the Father.**

**Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him.**

Leader Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears [his] word  
and believes [the one] who sent [him] has eternal life.

**All He does not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life.**

From John 5:21–24 ESVUK

**1 In Christ alone my hope is found;**

he is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone!—who took on flesh,  
fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save,  
till on that cross as Jesus died  
the wrath of God was satisfied—  
for every sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay:  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine—  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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**Reading** John 18:33–38

**1 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.

Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

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**Reading** 1 Timothy 6:11–16

**Sermon** George Diwakar

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
not wanting or wasting, and ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Of all life the author, of both great and small;  
In all life the core, the sustainer of all;  
By pains we're encumbered, by death we're dismayed,  
our moments are numbered, but you never fade.

Today and tomorrow unfold as you've planned;  
no trouble or sorrow can shorten your hand.  
No passions can burn, all the years can't decay  
the same God eternal that was yesterday.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Though angels adore, even they veil their sight.  
Of all your good graces, this grace, Lord, impart—  
Remove all the traces of veil from our heart.

All praise we would render; O help us see through  
the bright rays of splendour that hide you from view.  
As your brightest ray shone at Calvary's tree,  
May your revelation of Christ blaze in me.

Based on 1 Timothy 1:17  
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# God's house rules

## Godly confession

### 1 Timothy 6:11–16

“I charge you... to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach (6:13–14a) ...”

#### How?

- Flee (6:11a)
- Follow (6:11b)
- Fight (6:12a)
- Fasten (6:12b)

#### Why?

- Divine recognition (6:13b)
- Divine return (6:14b–15a)
- Divine reign (6:15b–16)

#### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How would you describe Paul's tone? Why does it suggest about the importance of this passage?
- How could a church leader put this charge into practice? How could the 4pm as a whole?
- Which motivation helps you most (and why): divine recognition, divine return, or divine reign?

## NOTICES

**1. Summerlink:** midweek Bible talks with time for discussion on Hebrews chapter 11. Wednesdays until 28 August. 6.15pm for snacks, 6.45–8pm, to help serve at Summerlink, to volunteer: [shb.org.uk/SLserve](http://shb.org.uk/SLserve) Any questions, email Carl: [c.thomas@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:c.thomas@st-helens.org.uk)



**2. Summer picnic:** Sunday 21 July. Neal and Yuen are organising a picnic in Southwark Park, 12.30pm. If you'd like to join, please speak to them after the service or email: [nealsuchak@hotmail.com](mailto:nealsuchak@hotmail.com)

**3. Staff days:** volunteers needed for help with staff days, 4 and 5 September. Email Hannah: [h.tyler@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:h.tyler@st-helens.org.uk) for more details and to volunteer. Help is needed practically (8.30–2pm), and with the crèche (9am–1pm). Volunteers for crèche must have a DBS check and have completed safeguarding training with St Helen's.

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**5. Going to serve in 2025/26:** as we pray about locations, launch teams, and leaders for church plants in 2025/26, please feed in places or people groups for church planting in London (including reasons) to Brian: [B.ODonoghue@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:B.ODonoghue@st-helens.org.uk)

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**Next Sunday:** George Diwakar will be speaking on 1 Timothy 6:17–21.