

BCC Service Sunday 6th December 2020

Call to worship Psalm 27v1&14

The Lord is my light and my salvation
so why should I be afraid?

The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?

Wait patiently for the Lord.

Be brave and courageous.

Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Prayer

Songs: Great things / King of me

Sponsor Children / Gold Bars and Notices

Kids Alive Drama

‘Knowing Jesus and Making Him known’

Sermon

‘The Light Shines’

What does light give us?

Health, food, we can see because of light. Sunlight warms the earth, gives energy and vitamin D

What does light get rid of?

Darkness, diseases, harmful bacteria

Let There Be Light: Genesis 1v1-5 p3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

Light Is Good

In the bible light always involves the removal of darkness in the unfolding of history and theology.

Contrasts are made between light and darkness, good and evil, God and evil forces, believers and unbelievers.

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God is the absolute Sovereign who rules over the darkness and the powers of evil.'

The Light Shines in the darkness: John 1v1-5 p860

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Light is the revelation of God's love in Jesus Christ and the how his love transforms lives that have been darkened by sin.

Light cannot be extinguished: John 1v5 p860

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Light and Life: 1 John 1v5-7 p1000

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

A Light to the World.

God is light, who dispels the darkness of this world. Jesus came as the light of the world, breaking through the darkness of sin by his work on the cross v7. It follows that believers are a light to the world as well.

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Songs: King of Kings / Here I am to worship

Communion

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: My Lighthouse

Blessing

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'.

2 Corinthians 13v14