



Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on May 30th, 2021, Trinity Sunday, at 10:45, meeting at Bethesda Chapel.

The lifting of lockdown restrictions has resulted in the decision to meet in person at Bethesda Chapel once again. We still plan to use our YouTube channel to broadcast recordings of the services, and will continue to provide this written service sheet for those unable to attend Bethesda. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we all seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

We continue our studies in Luke's Gospel, and our worship today is led by **Colin, who welcomes us all, wherever we are.**

"Good morning! What a glorious day(unless of course you're a City fan!!) .. in Ken Dodd style, what a wonderful day to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning, open the window and shout - isn't life glorious? Isn't it great to be alive? "- (Colin chuckles!)

(There are 1 or 2 notices - Paul cannot be here this morning, so Judith is hopefully going to record the service, and Tim and Debbie are also away, meeting with both Ellie and Esther, so a glamorous assistant - his wife Joy - is helping at the back (that should save a bunch of flowers over the next months says Colin!!). We aren't live-streaming - to Colins delight, as that gives more flexibility when it comes to choosing hymns and songs, because of the copyright restrictions imposed on live streams.)

Colin continues: "Good morning, those who are watching the service later, we are not connected by space or time, but we are connected by the Spirit. We gather around the throne together, time and space matter not at all, we are linked by the Spirit of our Lord, our risen Christ. Of course we celebrated Pentecost last week, when we celebrated the coming of the spirit, and everything we do as Christians should be in the spirit of grace and truth. But this weekend, according to the church calendar, is Trinity Sunday when Christians celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity, the triune Godhead, Father Son and Holy Spirit. It's one of those teachings, doctrines that Christians like to push under the carpet a little bit, they think it's slightly embarrassing, it's hard to explain, and in certain senses it probably doesn't make a lot of sense, but it makes perfect sense. The doctrine of the Trinity arose out of the revelation of Jesus Christ, the coming of Christ. If we look at his baptism, there was the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in glorious array. But more particularly it is because of the coming of Christ that John, in his first letter, chapter 4 verse 16, says to Christians those three words, those absolutely fantastic words, the three greatest words in the Bible (how often do people say that, they say that in every talk but

these really are the three most important words in the Bible). I bet you know what those are: *God is love*, the three most important words in the Bible, *God is love*. Not that *God shows love*, which is what other religions claim, no, it goes even further, and it says that *God is love*, that love is the essence, very essence, the very nature of *God*. That's a wonderful doctrine, and why can we say this? It's because *God* is relational in himself, it's because love is the relational value or concept, *God* is not just one in being or concept, and when we are baptised as Christians in the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit, we are brought into the love union of the *Godhead*. We live as Christians surrounded, totally embraced, by the love of *God* and it is the joy of every Christian to work out in their own experience the sublime nature of that love. That's what Paul tells the Christians in Ephesians; 'and I pray that you being rooted and established in love may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses human understanding, human knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of *God*.' That's what Paul wrote so the church in Rome, the Christians there could say nothing absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of *God* in Christ Jesus. We are more than conquerors, he concludes, through the love of Christ. And so the doctrine of the Trinity which the church celebrates on this day is a wonderful teaching because it tells us loud and clearly of the love of a Saviour for every one of us, that we have been brought in to that triune relationship through not only what Christ has done for us on the cross but through the Holy Spirit that was poured out at Pentecost. So this first hymn is Holy Holy Holy, it's a celebration of the doctrine of the Trinity but this is a modern rendition, there are some very good modern renditions, still using the old tune but putting it into a more modern slant. We can't sing except within our hearts, Scotland apparently are bringing public singing back from the beginning of June, that's not been totally confirmed but who knows next week we could be singing in this chapel though I doubt it, but who knows? So we will just enjoy this first hymn."

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Colin now leads us in prayer, beginning with Isaiah 6, verses 1-5

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

"Our heavenly Father, we come before you to worship you and to praise you for who you are and for what you have done for us, even in this past week. We affirm with the Psalmist: 'Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.' We thank you that you created us, you know us and you love us. Indeed, we are fully known and completely loved by you. Though we fail you, you never turn your back on us, you remain forever faithful to us - a true friend! You surround us at all times with your unfailing love. Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for your sacrifice on our behalf. You lived the perfect life we could never live and died the death that we deserved so that we can be forgiven and live eternally with you. Holy Spirit, we thank you that you convict us of our sin, assure us of your forgiveness and empower us for living a holy life. Indeed, bless us, we pray, that we might leave this chapel better children of grace and truth than when we came in. Triune God, we glorify you today. Amen."

Colin then shares the notices for the coming week, reminding us of the RISE prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, our Church Members meeting the following Tuesday, June 8th, our regular Zoom prayer meeting on Thursday at 7.30pm and the need to continue with social distancing following our service today.

Our Bible passage, Luke 7 18-35, is now read by Janet

Jesus and John the Baptist

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

(All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

Jesus went on to say, "To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

"We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not cry.'

For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by all her children."

We now listen to, or watch or read, our next song: This Is Amazing Grace, which was recorded at Keswick.

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love:
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free -
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of *Glory*, the King of *Glory*.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of *Glory* the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...
Worthy worthy worthy
 This is amazing love...

Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, and Phil Wickham

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Becky now leads us in our Prayers of Intercession.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We are gathered here this morning to praise your beautiful name, and to thank you for your protection over us this last week.

We all know how difficult this world is at the moment. People losing their livelihoods, being short of money, having appointments postponed, some of them very urgent indeed. Loneliness and depression setting in for lots of people, particularly those who live alone. Families where there are problems day to day anyway, who are now suffering more, because of tension of working from home and everyone being on top of one another. We know that people who live alone would often have visitors, friends popping in and out to brighten their day, or doing a little job or two for them. This too has become uncertain because of people not daring to go in one another's houses, as we did before. A lot of everyday problems are now having to be discussed by telephone and many older people are losing their confidence and leaving things undone, because they are not sure how to do things this way.

We all, every single one of us, are missing our family so much. For many of us children, and often siblings and parents, live in other towns than we live in. For some people it has been months since they have been able to go out and many are losing their confidence and starting to suffer for their lack of routine.

Lord we have so many blessings to, we do know that, but life is so much more challenging right now for some folks than it has ever been.

We bring our problem to you Lord, to keep us strong, until this pandemic runs its course. We humbly ask you to give us patience and fortitude to get through this crisis. We ask you for wisdom and sympathy and understanding of each other's needs. We ask for fortitude, to get through our own discomfort and desires, and wisdom and patience, to befriend and help other people we know, who are suffering from anxiety. Help us too Lord, when all this has passed, which it will Lord, to remember with gratitude, the courage of the NHS and all associated with it. We do know Lord how very blessed we are compared to some countries, how advanced advanced our NHS system is. We do pray to you Father in heaven for the countries who struggle with Covid as well as all the usual disadvantages. Shortage of homes, food and shelter. Sanitation, medicine, water, wars and cruelty. Please put your hand on these countries Lord and bring peace.

We thank you Lord, for all the charities that work so hard to help these deprived countries. We thank you for all the aid workers who deliver stuff to these countries, sometimes putting their own lives at risk. We thank you for the Leprosy Mission and its sponsors, we thank you for the BMI Mission. We thank you too for Brian and Jackie Chilvers and ask for you to pour blessings on their work. We pray for strength and good health for Jackie and Brian and their helpers. Bless their work and make it fruitful. We are so blessed to have people like them dedicating their lives to this cause.

We thank you and praise Heavenly Father, for every good thing that has happened, to each and everyone of us, in this past week, since we all met together last. No matter how big or small, significant or insignificant. If we think back a week I am sure that we will be amazed just how many blessings you have bestowed upon us. You are such a wonderful Saviour, how very blessed we are. You know our thoughts and our needs sometimes before we even know ourselves. How lost we would be without you. As a church we pray for all the people who have not accepted you as their Lord and Saviour. We do pray too, that we can set a good example of someone who lives to love you, can love our neighbour. Also whatever and however we show our neighbours love, is absolutely nothing compared to how you, Father in heaven, loves them, just as they are, unconditionally. We pray with all our hearts that all those we love, who do not have a relationship with you yet, will come to do so. My prayer is that something will show from us how complete we are because of the knowledge of your love for us, that they will want for that too. Please Lord, give us opportunities to display the love you have for us, by us showing that same love and compassion to others, so that they feel compelled to wanting to have that feeling too. Help us to be bold and to tell how fulfilled we feel, knowing how much we are loved by you. Lastly Lord we thank you as always for our past Alec and our church leaders, for all the work they do to keep us in touch with each other. We thank you for each other, and how we can always ask for prayer when we feel scared or upset. We have no embarrassment, we just listen and pray. Please Lord place your hand on all members of our congregation who feel unwell or who are struggling with life right now. You know each individual needs and for which person. We don't have to say a name, you know each and everyone of us and our personal needs. What a wonderful Saviour we have indeed, in Jesus name. Amen.

Colin announces another song:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me ,
let me be singing when the evening comes -
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul....

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind,
for all Your goodness I will keep on singing:
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending -
ten thousand years and then forevermore
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul...

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Colin brings his message for today:

As Janet said, this is a long, complex passage, and the word that leapt out to Colin as he read it was:

Doubt

“Faith is very precious, but it is also very fragile and can easily be shattered by the hard knocks of life – and we are sure to encounter these. And so, as Christian believers, what do we do when our faith is shaken and we start to question the certainties it once provided? Do we retreat into a world of doubt and distance, wavering between two opposite opinions, managing a faith that sometimes rises to heights of glory, but more often than not sinks into the realm of scepticism and making do, one that puts up with a second-rate or even a third-rate Christian experience?

So, when doubts about our faith assail us, how should we respond? Let us compare the different responses to Jesus in our passage this morning. All the people mentioned had their doubts, but they responded in completely different ways, because there are different kinds of doubt. There is a

healthy doubt, based on faith, that seeks a greater confidence and assurance, so that it may continue to thrive and be the means of further blessing. After all, we are called to test the truths of prophecies and teachings, particularly in relation to the Scriptures. And yet as the saying goes: 'Love is weakest when there is more doubt than trust, but love is strongest when we learn to trust inspite the doubts.' And at the opposite extreme, there is an unhealthy doubt that derives from scepticism, and even cynicism, that seeks to rob faith of its commitment, hope and blessing. Think about what Jesus told Doubting Thomas in John 20: *'Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'*

John's Role

The first response is that of John the Baptist. John was Jesus' forerunner or announcer. As a prophet, he introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God who had come to take away the sin of the world. But yet his faith had been shaken by his brutal experiences. You see, John had been arrested and locked up in prison by King Herod, one of the nasty rulers of the ancient world. Why? Because John did what God wanted him to do. John was sent as a prophet to announce the coming of the Messiah and to prepare the people for that coming. John preached what God wanted him to preach. He called everyone who heard him to repent and believe in the Messiah. He baptised in the River Jordan all those who heeded his call. He did everything God asked. He even told King Herod that he was in a sinful relationship with his brother's wife. And as a result, Herod had John thrown into prison for telling the truth and for saying things that needed to be said, things no one else would say. John was later beheaded for his willingness to speak truth to power.

John's Request

So we find John languishing in Herod's castle prison and, like anyone else would do in this dire situation, he starts to wonder, think and consider his faith and beliefs, and whether the message he had proclaimed had indeed been God's message. Is Jesus really the Messiah? Was He really the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world? Was He the One or should we look for another? Why is all this happening to me? If Jesus was the Messiah, why am I here in prison, rather than sitting on a throne alongside Jesus in the kingdom of God? He hadn't turned into a sceptic, but he needed the assurance and confidence that he was on the right side of the truth, that he had been a faithful messenger of God. John stands as a testimony that sometimes God's will for his children is not always comfort and security in this life but trials and suffering.

Since John couldn't go to Christ himself, he sent two messengers on his behalf. They asked Jesus John's question word for word: ***Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?*** In effect, John was asking: Are You the Messiah we've been waiting for or should we keep on looking? What we must understand here is that John was no sceptic; he hadn't lost his faith. Things were not going like he thought and he was confused and couldn't understand what God was doing and he was seeking clarification. Like us, John was a human being, with all the ups and downs that implies. He was confused about his faith. But the real issue in John's thinking is this: do I really believe and do I really trust Christ with my life even when things aren't going well? John was suffering and so was his faith. So, he went to the only person who could provide him with the answers that were necessary to give him the reassurance that God had not forsaken him and that everything he was experiencing was part and parcel of God's sovereign will.

But what about us? What do we do when our faith in Christ is tested; when we come under attack from the harsh experiences of life? When things in our lives go AWOL and we start to doubt the firm foundations of our faith, what do we do? Do we seek solace in the world and somehow hope that the strength of our faith might return at some point. But in the meantime, we carry on in a kind of 'hit and mis' approach to our faith. We do the Sunday thing to keep our heaven's insurance policy up to date, but for the rest of the time we drift along life's highway with everyone else outside of the faith. Is this what we do? What did John do when things became bleak and the Devil was starting to get to him? Well when John's faith was under stress, he went to the one place we must go if ours is ever tested and that is Jesus. You see, to doubt is not a sin; for as a saying states: 'faith that does not doubt is dead faith.' It is what we do in response to these doubts where sin can arise. We must go to Christ our Saviour and Friend in prayer and ask him to reveal his will for us in that horrible situation. For the truth is that we have a Saviour who is fully in touch with our situation and circumstances and sympathises with our doubts and concerns. Hebrews 4.14-16 tells us: *'Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'*

Jesus' Response

Jesus answers by showing the two messengers what he has been up to and by quoting Scripture to them. This account is amazing. Jesus responded to the question by John's friends and then says, Wait over there and watch – ***'In that hour'***. Don't take someone else's word for it, Jesus in effect says, I want you to see for yourselves, for actions speak louder than words. In that hour he heals those with diseases and plagues, he casts out evil spirits, he restores sight to the blind and many other things not mentioned.

Not only does Jesus show the disciples of John what's been going on but then he does something that is astounding. Jesus knows that John is a Bible student. John knows the OT Scriptures. Jesus quotes two passages of Scripture to get John's thinking back on track. Scripture gets our focus off ourselves and our struggles and sets our minds on the things of God. Jesus quotes Isaiah 35:5 and 61:1 to John. Jesus shows John's disciples that He is doing exactly what the Bible says the Messiah will do. Jesus shows them and then tells them to go back and quote these verses to John. He knew that in quoting these single verses, John would know the context and all the verses surrounding these and his faith would be strong again.

For John, he knew what Isaiah said about the Messiah. What's interesting is that Jesus doesn't quote the ending of Isaiah 61v1. This was the problem John was having. You see, John was in prison and he couldn't figure out why he would be in prison if the Messiah was here because Scripture prophecies that those in prison, those captives would be set free. Jesus doesn't quote that part. Do you know why? It wasn't time yet. In order to set the captives free, Jesus was going to have to die and the time for His death hadn't come yet. For John, he needed to be reminded that some of the promises concerning Messiah were coming to pass but in God's providence, they all had not come to pass yet.

John would understand as he was in prison now that the day is coming when King Jesus will reign over all the earth. Even though now His reign was just in certain areas, a day is coming when it would be worldwide. He took comfort in that day. We can too. King Jesus currently reigns in the hearts of believers. There is a day coming when all the earth will be His footstool and His reign will be universal. Even in the day of John's trials, liberty was proclaimed to the captive and the prison was opened for John and his heart was set free as he began to see that King Jesus could be trusted. John could place his trust in Jesus. When we find our faith is tried by life's struggles, we too can place our lives in the hands of Christ.

Jesus' Review

But what is even more incredible is that Jesus goes on to tell those witnessing that in this new order of grace, the weakest of believers is greater than John, who in effect was the last of the old covenant prophets that stretch all the way back to Moses himself. John's greatness came because he was the one given the task of introducing Jesus Christ to the world. In the words of Isaiah the Prophet, John declared to the crowds that he was *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD, make his paths straight'."* All of the prophets before John longed to see the day when their prophecies would come to pass. Think of all the fantastic prophecies in the Book of Isaiah. Only John prophesied and then lived to see it unfold. His greatness came because of his role as the forerunner.

'Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' The newest, weakest Christian is greater than John the Baptist. This is because we have experienced the finish work of Christ. We know first-hand things that John only dreamed of. We know of sins forgiven and repentance. We know about the cross and the tomb. We know that the grave could not hold our Lord. We know about the universal call to repent and believe. We know that He is at the right hand of the Father interceding for the saints. These are things John didn't know. John saw only the beginning. We have seen the complete story of redemption.

Jewish Reactions

First of all, the people heard the message of John and Jesus and declared that God was just and correct in His verdict. ***When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John (29).*** They were guilty of sin and needed to repent – and did so! Think about the stories of Zacchaeus and Blind Bartimaeus.

In contrast to this positive reaction, the religious leaders at the time – the Pharisees and Lawyers – were utterly sceptical. They had no faith at all but relied on their own goodness to get them into the kingdom of heaven. They were disbelievers when it came to John the Baptist; they said that he had a demon. They were sceptics of Jesus, calling him a drunkard and a glutton. They were offended when John and Jesus preached to them, telling them that they had to repent, to ask God to forgive them their sin. But then, the Pharisees and the Lawyers were doing what they always did, when prophets confronted them over their lack of faith. They reacted by running their accusers down and defaming their character. When John preached repentance and faith, they said that he had a demon because John was unsocial and too harsh. When Jesus came with the same message of repentance, they said he was a glutton and a drunkard, too social and too inclusive. They were never going to agree with God. By running down John and Jesus they were trying to

show their superiority and they disagreed with God's verdict and will in the end suffer the consequences.

So, Jesus shows that there are two types of people, those who agree with God concerning their sin and those who are offended when they are told that they're sinners. We're also shown that even the greatest prophet can have doubts when faced with serious trials. Jesus lovingly restores His faithful doubters but severely judges the sceptical unbelievers. Jesus was the Saviour they needed all along. He was a friend of tax collectors and sinners, but because they didn't think they were sinners, Jesus was no friend of theirs. He was John's friend, the tax collector's friend, the prostitute's friend, the drunkard's friend, and a friend to gluttons. He was not their friend.

Is Jesus your friend? Do you see yourself as a sinner in need of forgiveness? Or do you see yourself as good enough on your own? John is the example that teaches us, we can be sure of Jesus. He is the 'Real Deal'. He is the One and Only Go-Between between God and humankind, the only one who can deal with our sin and give us eternal life. In a world with so many conflicting voices and views, we should not look for another but trust in Christ alone, in the Man of Calvary, the one who died on the cross but rose again on that first Easter Sunday as the Saviour of the world."

Our final hymn is one probably familiar to many: the words you need to repeat will depend on which tune you have in your heart!!

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemers praise,
my great Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace. (The triumphs of his grace x3.)

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
that bids our sorrows cease, 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, 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, new life the dead receive.
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe....

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb
your loosened tongues employ, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy....

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

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We join together in saying The Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore, Amen.**

**There will be a Church Members Meeting on Tuesday June 8th, at Bethesda
Chapel, at 7.30pm.**

**The reports prepared by the Deacons and Pastor are included for your
information and perusal!!**