

# 10.00am

## 13th June 2021

### Lord's Supper

#### Welcome | James Steer

#### Song 1 | Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
There is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him, none before Him,  
All of time in His hands,  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory;  
I will trust in His name,  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
He is here with me, I am not alone.  
Oh, His love is sure and He knows my name,  
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him...*

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him...*

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#### Kids' Talk | Paul Greenhalgh

##### **Romans 8:23**

#### Song 2 | Lift up your voices

Come on, come in, everybody  
There is a God who is worthy  
Of all our praise – he alone is Lord  
Come on and join with creation  
Let everything shout to praise him  
Glory to Christ – he's the one who made us

Lift up your voices to heaven's king  
Bow down before his throne  
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin  
Hallelujah!  
Praise to Jesus Christ the king

Come on, come in, all you weary  
Come on and find rest with Jesus  
He is the one who can heal your soul  
Come on and join with the angels  
Praising the Lamb who was faithful  
Giving his life – he's the one who saved us

Lift up your voices...

Come on, you saints, keep believing  
Gather to hear the Lord speaking  
Humble your hearts, tremble at his voice  
Come in with joy for the future  
He will renew heaven and earth  
Jesus is Lord – he's the one who'll raise us

Lift up your voices...

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#### Notices | Ruth Oakley

#### Prayers | Gail Featherstone

##### **Beginning with a prayer of confession:**

**Together:** Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Based on Luke 15)

**Leader:** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15 NIV

## Reading | Ruth Oakley

### 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

**20** After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

<sup>2</sup>Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, 'A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar' (that is, En Gedi). <sup>3</sup>Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to enquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. <sup>4</sup>The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

<sup>5</sup>Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard <sup>6</sup>and said:

'LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. <sup>7</sup>Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it for ever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? <sup>8</sup>They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, <sup>9</sup>"If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us."

<sup>10</sup>'But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. <sup>11</sup>See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. <sup>12</sup>Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.'

<sup>13</sup>All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

<sup>15</sup>He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. <sup>16</sup>

Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup>You will

not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"

<sup>18</sup>Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. <sup>19</sup>Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

<sup>20</sup>Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.' <sup>21</sup>After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

'Give thanks to the LORD,  
for his love endures for ever.'

<sup>22</sup>As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. <sup>23</sup>The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

<sup>24</sup>When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. <sup>25</sup>So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value – more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. <sup>26</sup>On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.

<sup>27</sup>Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. <sup>28</sup>They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lyres and trumpets.

<sup>29</sup>The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side. © NIV2011

## Sermon | Alasdair Paine

### ***A great battle won: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30***

1. The king's prayer (verses 3-12)

2. The remarkable outcome (13-30)

3. The verse of the series!

### **Song 3 | We trust in you**

We trust in you, our shield and our defender,  
we do not fight alone against the foe:  
strong in your strength, safe in your keeping tender,  
we trust in you, and in your name we go.  
Strong in your strength...

We trust in you, O Captain of salvation!  
in your dear name, all other names above:  
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,  
our prince of glory and our king of love.  
Jesus our righteousness...

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
and needing more each day your grace to know;  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
'We trust in you, and in your name we go.'  
Yet from our hearts...

We trust in you, our shield and our defender:  
yours is the battle - yours shall be the praise!  
When passing through the gates of dazzling splendour,  
victors, we rest in you through endless days.  
When passing through...

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## Final prayer | James Steer

### ***Collect***

**Together:** Lord God, the unfailing helper and guide of those whom you bring up in your unmovable fear and love, keep us, we pray, under the protection of your good providence and give us a continual reverence and love for your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Lord's Supper | Alasdair Paine

### **Grace | Alasdair Paine**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all for ever more. Amen. (From 2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV)

## Looking Ahead...

### ***Later today***

#### **11.45am Service**

2 Chronicles 20 – A great battle won

#### **5.00pm Service**

Matthew 12:1-14 – Mercy, not sacrifice

**Monday 14th June** – Arena@Home continues – more details at [stag.org/arena](http://stag.org/arena)

### ***Sunday 20th June***

#### **10.00am and 11.45am Services**

1 John 1:1-4 – The real thing

#### **5.00pm Service**

Psalm 121 – I lift my eyes

Access all services at [stag.org/livestream](http://stag.org/livestream)

### ***Save the date!***

Sunday 11th July – Church picnic (more details to follow)

### ***Small Groups***

Our Sunday and midweek groups will continue to meet where possible by video-conferencing or Skype. Group leaders will send instructions on how to join the sessions and keep in touch.

### ***If you need help...***

If you are experiencing any difficulties due to illness or self-isolation, such as collecting prescriptions or getting to the shops to pick up groceries, please contact your small group or the Church Office at [church.office@stag.org](mailto:church.office@stag.org) (only if there is no alternative please use the church phone number - 01223 518218) and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

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