

Sunday 26 January 2025

John 12:1–8Leading
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1 It is finished! The Messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not his own.
Accomplished is the sacrifice,
the great redeeming work is done.
It's finished! All the debt is paid:
justice divine is satisfied;
the grand and full atonement made;
God, for a guilty world, has died.

2 The veil is torn in Christ alone;
the living way to heaven is seen.
The middle wall is broken down,
and all mankind may enter in.
The types and figures are fulfilled,
exacted is the legal pain.
The precious promises are sealed;
the spotless Lamb of God is slain.

3 The reign of sin and death is o'er,
and all may live from sin set free.
Satan has lost his mortal power—
it's swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the legal curse I am;
my Saviour hangs upon the tree.
See there the meek, expiring Lamb!
It's finished! He expires for me.

4 Accepted in the Son you loved,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the bar to heaven removed;
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, hell and sin are now subdued;
all grace is now to sinners given.
And so I plead the atoning blood,
and in your Son I claim your heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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 And they sang a new song, saying,
**All Worthy are you
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain,
and by your blood
you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.
and you have made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.**

Leader Then I looked,
and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures
and the elders the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads
and thousands of thousands,
saying with a loud voice,

**All “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might,
and honour and glory and blessing!”**

Revelation 5:9–12 ESVUK

1 And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour’s blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, should’st die for me!

2 ’Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the highest angel tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
’Tis mystery all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

3 He left his Father’s throne above—
so free, so infinite his grace—
humbled himself in all his love,
and bled for Adam’s helpless race.
’Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown,
through Christ, my own.

Based on Acts 12
Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Reading Isaiah 6:1–7

1 I will sing of my Redeemer,
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and set me free.

2 I will tell the wondrous story,
how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy,
he the ransom freely gave.
Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and set me free.

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell.
Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and set me free.

4 I will sing of my Redeemer,
and his heavenly love to me;
he from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with him to be.
Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and set me free.

Philipp Paul Bliss (1838–1876)

Reading John 12:1–8

Sermon Gwilym Davies

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most—
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then I am dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
by bitter grief and anguish sore,
be praise from all the ransomed race
for ever and for evermore.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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Whole-hearted

An extravagant heart

John 12:1–8

Introduction: A proportionate response to Jesus

1. Mary: A disproportionate response?

2. Judas: A reasonable response?

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How might Mary challenge us as we think about our love for the Lord Jesus?
- What might it look like for us to respond with this sort of love and devotion?

NOTICES

1. 4pm small groups: continues on Tuesdays, 7.15–9.30pm, at St Helen's. Sign up using the QR code. Groups in English and Spanish studying John's Gospel, and groups in English studying an Overview of the Bible. For more information, email: 4pm@st-helens.org.uk



2. Church family prayer: Monday 27 January, 6.30pm for 6.45pm at St Helen's. If you can't join in person, join on Zoom. shb.org.uk/cfp meeting ID: 862 4114 7248, passcode: 818848. Food isn't available, please bring your own, to eat together during the break.

3. Choral evensong: restarting on Tuesday 28 January, 6–7pm, at St Michael's Cornhill. A blend of choral music, Book of Common Prayer and a short talk from Luke's Gospel.

4. 4pm weekend away: sign up for the weekend 31 January–2 February thinking about the one true God. shb.org.uk/4pmWeekend



5. Germany prayer meeting: join Ralf and Marie-Christine bi-monthly to pray for gospel work in Germany. First meeting on Zoom, Monday 10 February 8.15–9pm. For details, email: ralf.mc.wenz@gmail.com

6. Marriage Foundations: all welcome, regardless of marital status: Monday evenings, 3, 10, 17 March. To register, email: marriage@st-helens.org.uk

7. Baptisms: we'll be having an adult baptism service soon, if you'd like to find out about getting baptised, speak to Aneirin or Nick; nick.heeley@st-helen.org.uk

8. The Bible Matters podcast: featuring interviews and conversations with faithful Bible teachers all over the world. Search *The Bible Matters Podcast* wherever you get your podcasts, or: shb.org.uk/BMpod

9. Practical service at St Helen's: to offer your skills, time and energy to support Gospel proclamation, please visit: shb.org.uk/practicalservice or email: jason.barrington@shb.org.uk for more information.

Next Sunday: Aneirin Glyn will be speaking on Joel 1:1–2:11.