

# Sunday 27th September

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# Call to Worship

**Leader:** Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. (1 Chronicles 16:8-11)

## Song: Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the  
Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His  
word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His  
people*

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging

*Chorus*

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit

*Chorus*

# Prayer of Adoration

## Prayer of Confession & Assurance

*As we come to God we ask for forgiveness and remind ourselves that when we do so God promises to listen and respond with grace.*

**Leader (Confession):** God of love and justice, we long for harmony in our relationships, we long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other and fail to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths. Through the mercy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**All (Assurance):** In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Thanks be to God.

## Bible Reading: Hebrew 10

### **A call to persevere in faith**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who

promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

<sup>26</sup> If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge his people.’ <sup>31</sup> It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>32</sup> Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. <sup>34</sup> You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. <sup>35</sup> So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

<sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. <sup>37</sup> For,

‘In just a little while,  
he who is coming will come  
and will not delay.’

<sup>38</sup> And,

‘But my righteous one will live by faith.  
And I take no pleasure  
in the one who shrinks back.’

<sup>39</sup> But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

## Lectura Bíblica: Hebreos 10

### LLAMADA A LA PERSEVERANCIA

<sup>19</sup> Así que, hermanos, mediante la sangre de Jesús, tenemos plena libertad para entrar en el Lugar Santísimo, <sup>20</sup> por el camino nuevo y vivo que él nos ha abierto a través de la cortina, es decir, a través de su cuerpo; <sup>21</sup> y tenemos además un gran sacerdote al frente de la familia de Dios. <sup>22</sup> Acerquémonos, pues, a Dios con corazón sincero y con la plena seguridad que da la fe, interiormente purificados de una conciencia culpable y exteriormente lavados con agua pura. <sup>23</sup> Mantengamos firme la esperanza que profesamos, porque fiel es el que hizo la promesa. <sup>24</sup> Preocupémonos los unos por los otros, a fin de estimularnos al amor y a las buenas obras. <sup>25</sup> No dejemos de congregarnos, como acostumbran hacerlo algunos, sino animémonos unos a otros, y con mayor razón ahora que vemos que aquel día se acerca.

<sup>26</sup> Si después de recibir el conocimiento de la verdad pecamos obstinadamente, ya no hay sacrificio por los pecados. <sup>27</sup> Solo queda una terrible expectativa de juicio, el fuego ardiente que ha de devorar a los enemigos de Dios. <sup>28</sup> Cualquiera que rechazaba la ley de Moisés moría irremediabilmente por el testimonio de dos o tres testigos. <sup>29</sup> ¿Cuánto mayor castigo piensan ustedes que merece el que ha pisoteado al Hijo de Dios, que ha profanado la sangre del pacto por la cual había sido santificado, y que ha insultado al Espíritu de la gracia? <sup>30</sup> Pues conocemos al que dijo: «Mía es la venganza; yo pagaré»; y también: «El Señor juzgará a su pueblo». <sup>31</sup> ¡Terrible cosa es caer en las manos del Dios vivo!

<sup>32</sup> Recuerden aquellos días pasados cuando ustedes, después de haber sido iluminados, sostuvieron una dura lucha y soportaron mucho

sufrimiento. <sup>33</sup> Unas veces se vieron expuestos públicamente al insulto y a la persecución; otras veces se solidarizaron con los que eran tratados de igual manera. <sup>34</sup> También se compadecieron de los encarcelados y, cuando a ustedes les confiscaron sus bienes, lo aceptaron con alegría, conscientes de que tenían un patrimonio mejor y más permanente.

<sup>35</sup> Así que no pierdan la confianza, porque esta será grandemente recompensada. <sup>36</sup> Ustedes necesitan perseverar para que, después de haber cumplido la voluntad de Dios, reciban lo que él ha prometido. <sup>37</sup> Pues dentro de muy poco tiempo,

«el que ha de venir vendrá, y no tardará.

<sup>38</sup> Pero mi justo vivirá por la fe.

Y, si se vuelve atrás,  
no será de mi agrado».

<sup>39</sup> Pero nosotros no somos de los que se vuelven atrás y acaban por perderse, sino de los que tienen fe y preservan su vida.

## Song: Psalm 133

1 How excellent a thing it is,  
how pleasant and how good,  
When brothers dwell in unity  
and live as brothers should!

2 For it is like the precious oil,  
poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, running over, down his beard,  
upon his collar spread.

3 Like Hermon's dew, upon the hill  
of Zion it descends.  
The LORD bestows his blessing there —  
the life that never ends.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

## Talk

## Song: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say  
together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

### *Chorus*

In the dark of night before the  
dawn  
My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how  
long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

### *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and  
betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

### *Chorus x 2*

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## Benediction

# Coming up

*At the close of the service this morning your City Group will be meeting online via Zoom. Please contact your City Group leader if you need more info.*

**City Groups** will meet online on their usual day this week. Your City Group leader will be in touch. If you are not currently part of a City Group and would like to be, or you have questions, please get in touch with AnnaLauren ([annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com)).

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday at 10.30am. Contact Louise MacMillan for more info ([lmacmillan@live.co.uk](mailto:lmacmillan@live.co.uk))

**God's Big Picture** - A 9-week course that gives us an overview of God's storyline told in the Bible and helps us to understand where we fit into it. It's helpful whether you're a Christian or not, so invite some friends if you think they might be interested.

Email Geoff ([geoff@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:geoff@cornerstone-edinburgh.com)) for more info.

**Hardship Fund** - During this time we really want to help those who are struggling financially and we've set up a fund for those connected to Cornerstone who need assistance.

If you would like to donate to this fund or apply for help, please contact: AnnaLauren on [annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com) or Laird (Colin) on [colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com) for details.

**Giving Information** - If you would like to make a donation to the work of Cornerstone in Edinburgh, please follow this link <https://cornerstoneedinburgh.com/donate>

**Old Schoolhouse Updates** - Restoration work at OSH is progressing well! You can find updates at [www.osh.org.uk/updates](http://www.osh.org.uk/updates) where we'll post photos and information periodically.



## **Pastoral Care for the whole Church**

Our hope is that everyone connected to Cornerstone is taken care of during this time. Please also be proactive in connecting with your City Group leaders throughout the holidays and letting them know how you are. Let's be creative about being in touch with others and finding our own ways to connect also. Feel free to contact me, Laird or AnnaLauren at any time if you need help of any kind.

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