

Sunday 29th November

Introduction to Cornerstone

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Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord! Sing to Him a new song, for His love towards us endures forever.

All: We praise you, O Lord, because our hearts are glad in You and we trust in Your holy name. (*Psalms 33*)

Song: Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy
word

Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your
likeness

That the light of Christ might be
seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of
faith

Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility

Test our thoughts and our
attitudes

In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise

Cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority

Words of power that can never fail

Let their truth prevail over
unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our
minds

Help us grasp the heights of Your
plans for us

Truths unchanged from the dawn
of time

That will echo down through
eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your
promises

And by faith we'll walk as You
walk with us

Speak O Lord till Your church is
built

And the earth is filled with Your
glory

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Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words:

²‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³‘You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴‘You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷‘You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸‘Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²‘Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³‘You shall not murder.

¹⁴‘You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵‘You shall not steal.

¹⁶‘You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.’

Lectura de la ley: Éxodo 20:1-17

20 Dios habló, y dio a conocer todos estos mandamientos:

- ² «Yo soy el SEÑOR tu Dios. Yo te saqué de Egipto, del país donde eras esclavo.
- ³ »No tengas otros dioses además de mí. ⁴ »No te hagas ningún ídolo, ni nada que guarde semejanza con lo que hay arriba en el cielo, ni con lo que hay abajo en la tierra, ni con lo que hay en las aguas debajo de la tierra. ⁵ No te inclines delante de ellos ni los adores. Yo, el SEÑOR tu Dios, soy un Dios celoso. Cuando los padres son malvados y me odian, yo castigo a sus hijos hasta la tercera y cuarta generación. ⁶ Por el contrario, cuando me aman y cumplen mis mandamientos, les muestro mi amor por mil generaciones.
- ⁷ »No uses el nombre del SEÑOR tu Dios en falso. Yo, el SEÑOR, no tendré por inocente a quien se atreva a usar mi nombre en falso.
- ⁸ »Acuérdate del sábado, para consagrarlo. ⁹ Trabaja seis días, y haz en ellos todo lo que tengas que hacer, ¹⁰ pero el día séptimo será un día de reposo para honrar al SEÑOR tu Dios. No hagas en ese día ningún trabajo, ni tampoco tu hijo, ni tu hija, ni tu esclavo, ni tu esclava, ni tus animales, ni tampoco los extranjeros que vivan en tus ciudades.
- ¹¹ Acuérdate de que en seis días hizo el SEÑOR los cielos y la tierra, el mar y todo lo que hay en ellos, y que descansó el séptimo día. Por eso el SEÑOR bendijo y consagró el día de reposo.
- ¹² »Honra a tu padre y a tu madre, para que disfrutes de una larga vida en la tierra que te da el SEÑOR tu Dios.
- ¹³ »No mates.
- ¹⁴ »No cometas adulterio.
- ¹⁵ »No robes.
- ¹⁶ »No des falso testimonio en contra de tu prójimo.
- ¹⁷ »No codicies la casa de tu prójimo: No codicies su esposa, ni su esclavo, ni su esclava, ni su buey, ni su burro, ni nada que le pertenezca».

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): Holy God, we come before you acknowledging that we need your mercy. We have not listened to your good words and have not obeyed your commands. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves and in doing so we have not only sinned against them, but also against you. Restorer of all things, redeem the damage we have done. Heal, comfort, and repair. Knit together that which we have torn apart. Forgive us, O God, and do not let us despair.

All (Assurance): We thank you Lord for you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father you show compassion to us, your children, and by the blood of Jesus have removed our wrongdoings from us and remember them no more.

Bible Reading: Luke 1:1-25

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye witnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. ⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. ⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, 'How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well on in years.' ¹⁹ The angel said to him, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.' ²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realised he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ 'The Lord has done this for me,' she said. 'In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people.'

Lectura Bíblica: Lucas 1:1-25

¹ Muchos han intentado hacer un relato de las cosas que se han cumplido entre nosotros, ² tal y como nos las transmitieron los que desde el principio fueron testigos presenciales y servidores de la palabra. ³ Por lo tanto, yo también, excelentísimo Teófilo, habiendo investigado todo esto con esmero desde su origen, he decidido escribírtelo ordenadamente, ⁴ para que llegues a tener plena seguridad de lo que te enseñaron. ⁵ En tiempos de Herodes, rey de Judea, hubo un sacerdote llamado Zacarías, miembro del grupo de Abías. Su esposa Elisabet también era descendiente de Aarón. ⁶ Ambos eran rectos e intachables delante de Dios; obedecían todos los mandamientos y preceptos del Señor. ⁷ Pero no tenían hijos, porque Elisabet era estéril; y los dos eran de edad avanzada. ⁸ Un día en que Zacarías, por haber llegado el turno de su grupo, oficiaba como sacerdote delante de Dios, ⁹ le tocó en suerte, según la costumbre del sacerdocio, entrar en el santuario del Señor para quemar incienso. ¹⁰ Cuando llegó la hora de ofrecer el incienso, la multitud reunida afuera estaba orando. ¹¹ En esto un ángel del Señor se le apareció a Zacarías a la derecha del altar del incienso. ¹² Al verlo, Zacarías se asustó, y el temor se apoderó de él. ¹³ El ángel le dijo: — No tengas miedo, Zacarías, pues ha sido escuchada tu oración. Tu esposa Elisabet te dará un hijo, y le pondrás por nombre Juan. ¹⁴ Tendrás gozo y alegría, y muchos se regocijarán por su nacimiento, ¹⁵ porque él será un gran hombre delante del Señor. Jamás tomará vino ni licor, y será lleno del Espíritu Santo aun desde su nacimiento. ¹⁶ Hará que muchos israelitas se vuelvan al Señor su Dios. ¹⁷ Él irá primero, delante del Señor, con el espíritu y el poder de Elías, para reconciliar a los padres con los hijos y guiar a los desobedientes a la sabiduría de los justos. De este modo preparará un pueblo bien dispuesto para recibir al Señor. ¹⁸ — ¿Cómo podré estar seguro de esto? — preguntó Zacarías al ángel —. Ya soy anciano y mi esposa también es de edad avanzada. ¹⁹ — Yo soy Gabriel y estoy a las órdenes de Dios — le contestó el ángel —. He sido enviado para hablar contigo y darte estas buenas noticias. ²⁰ Pero, como no creíste en mis palabras, las cuales se cumplirán a su debido tiempo, te vas a quedar mudo. No podrás hablar hasta el día en que todo esto suceda. ²¹ Mientras tanto, el pueblo estaba esperando a Zacarías y les extrañaba que se demorara tanto en el santuario. ²² Cuando por fin salió, no podía hablarles, así que se dieron cuenta de que allí había tenido una visión. Se podía comunicar solo por señas, pues seguía mudo. ²³ Cuando terminaron los días de su servicio, regresó a su casa. ²⁴ Poco después, su esposa Elisabet quedó encinta y se mantuvo recluida por cinco meses. ²⁵ «Esto — decía ella — es obra del Señor, que ahora ha mostrado su bondad al quitarme la vergüenza que yo tenía ante los demás».

Talk

Song: Psalm 19

1 The heav'ns above declare

The glory of our God;

And what his hands have made

The skies proclaim abroad.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech,

And night by night their knowledge teach.

3 There is no language used

Or any spoken word;

No sound is made by them

And yet their voice is heard.

4 Throughout the world their voice
resounds,

Their words to earth's remotest bounds.

In heav'n God pitched a tent,

A dwelling for the sun,

5 Which like a bridegroom comes

Or strong man keen to run.

6 Its course from east to west complete—

There's nothing hidden from its heat.

7 The perfect law of God

Revives the soul of man;

His statutes which are sure

Make wise the simple one.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right

And fill the heart with great delight.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Personal Reflection

Song: O Come All You Unfaithful

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

Chorus

He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe x2

Chorus

So come, though you have
nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has
done

Chorus x2

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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 - meet online on their usual days of the week! If you're not currently part of a City Group or have questions, please get in touch with AnnaLauren (annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com)

Women's Bible Study - returns this Wednesday, 10:30am. For more details, please contact Louise MacMillan (lmacmillan@live.co.uk)

Buy a Chair! - After much deliberation, we've moved ahead with the purchase of chairs for the OSH. Each chair cost £100 and these aren't part of our budget for the building project. We'd love if you would consider contributing to the cost of 1 or 2 chairs! Giving information is below or else at <https://www.osh.org.uk/back-the-project>

Old Schoolhouse Updates - Follow the latest at www.osh.org.uk/updates.

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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 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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