

BLINDED BY THE **LIGHT**

INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY

**A 'Virtual'
Service of Worship
Sunday 26 July 2020
at 10.30 am**

**Emmanuel Church
Laindon Road, Billericay. CM12 9LD**

(Released simultaneously on Facebook & YouTube)

Welcome

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest
Drought and storm.
What heights of love,
What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Opening Prayer

**We have come together, As the family
of God, In our Father's presence: To
offer Him praise and thanksgiving;
To hear and receive His holy word;
To bring before Him The needs of the
world; To ask His forgiveness of our
sins; And to seek His grace; That
through His Son Jesus Christ, We may
give ourselves to His service. AMEN.**

WATER YOU TURNED INTO WINE,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Into the darkness You shine;
Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You,
None like You.

*Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher
Than any other.
Our God is healer,
Awesome in power,
Our God, our God.*

And if our God is for us,
Then who could ever stop us;
And if our God is with us,
Then what could stand against?
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Then who could ever stop us;
And if our God is with us,
Then what could stand against?
What could stand against?

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

(Repeat)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Holy, Holy, Holy,
Holy, Holy, Holy,
I want to see You.

Bible Reading

2 Kings 6:8-23

Talk

'Blinded By The Light'

Rev'd Dr Stephen Dray

LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;

Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

(Repeat)

Prayers

Response:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

At the end of our prayers we say:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

AMAZING GRACE

How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught
My heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free,
My God, my Saviour
Has ransomed me.
And like a flood
His mercy reigns,
Unending love,
Amazing Grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon
Dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

Closing Prayer

Be with us, Lord as we go out into the world: May the lips that have sung your praises: Always speak the truth; May the ears that have heard your word: Listen only to what is good; May our lives, as well as our worship, Be always pleasing in your sight. Help us to SEE, KNOW and WORSHIP You. For the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Blessing

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