

HWEC Morning Service 19 April 2020

Call to worship I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. ²I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. ³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ⁴'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" (Ps. 89:1-4 NIV)

Hymn 98A Sing to God new songs of worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h86vHgxfGA>

Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the power behind all things
Behind the energy of the storm

Behind the heat of the sun

Eternal God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, you are the power behind all minds

Behind the ability to think and reason

Behind all understanding of the truth

Eternal God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, you are the power behind the cross of Christ

Behind the weakness, the torture and the death.

Behind unconquerable love.

You are the author of salvation; you are the one who establishes and keeps covenant

You are the one who keeps us secure in covenant love

Eternal God, Father Son and Holy Spirit we worship and adore you. Grant us today the enabling so that we might worship You in spirit and in truth. You God, are our God, earnestly we seek you; we thirst for You, our whole beings long for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. We have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory. Because Your love is better than life, our lips will glorify You. We will praise You as long as we live, and in Your name we will lift up our hands. We will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips our mouths will praise. Help us to strike that note that magnifies Your glorious name.

Confession of sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live, a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Here the good news

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53:4-6 NIV)

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Catechism Gerald

Hymn 187 O God beyond all praising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnnQpC9oLxU>

Announcements

Sunday 6.30pm Live streaming of hymns

Thursday 7.30pm Catechism

Prayer for illumination

Lord God help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like

fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. (Jas. 5:1-6 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

We draw near to you with all holy reverence and confidence, coming as children to a father able and ready to help us as we pray together and for others. Enable us and others to glorify you in all that we do as we live and work in the creation that displays your power and mercy, and be pleased to dispose all things to your own glory.

Your kingdom come.

We pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

We pray that you, by your grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as the angels do in heaven. Lord if it is Your will heal our land of this virus. We have no case to plead except the eternal covenant love that You have brought us into.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We pray that of your free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy your blessing with them. Lord remember those in need of

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

We pray that you, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins— and we are encouraged to ask this because by your grace we are able from the heart to forgive others. Lord forgive our land. We introduced laws, and normalised practises that are condemned in Your world. We have exploited the unborn in numbers far beyond what the virus has taken. These violation of your law are not a national emergency

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We pray that you would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

We take our encouragement in prayer from you only, and in our prayers we praise you, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to you. And to testify of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, **Amen.**

Hymn 773 A debtor to mercy alone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EitJ0J6WsmM&list=RDEitJ0J6WsmM&start_radio=1&t=34

Sermon

Hymn God forgave my sins in Jesus name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mo3MGpcBC5M>

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forevermore. Amen