

HWEC Morning Service 10 May 2020

Call to worship Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. (Deut. 7:9 NIV)

Hymn 136 Give to our God immortal praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXDREtaNen4>

Prayer of Invocation

God of all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On the first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ in union with the Holy Spirit we praise you now and forever. Amen

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is that While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of sin

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The good news that we proclaim from God's word is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be

dead to sin and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we can know that our sins are truly forgiven

Catechism Gerald

Hymn 868 Guide me O my great redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAN4EojeF0Y>

Announcements

Prayer for illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God , to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Reading

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins. (Jas. 5:19-20 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

Lord God we give you our thanks this day for the blessing of salvation. That out of the vast population of people upon this earth that you should choose to save us and forgive our sins. We are humbled by your mercy.

We thank you for the blessing we receive through your word, the many rich and precious promises, encouragements and instructions that incite us to live for your glory. We thank you for the sacraments that you give to sign and seal to us the promises of covenant blessing in union with Christ. Lord we long for the day when we as a church will be able to meet around your table.

We thank you for your people who have been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Lord we pray that through this time of shut down that there will be many who will give their life to Christ and that we will be inundated with those who want to be baptised.

We thank you Lord for answered prayer. For those that we have prayed for that You would heal them from the coronavirus. Lord we continue to remember those from our congregation who work in the NHS please protect them and their families from catching the virus.

Lord we remember those who we are unable to contact who once met with our congregation, we pray that our presence will be them and that in Your time that You will bring them back to us or into fellowship with your people in another church.

We pray for those who have to attend hospital for surgery or medical tests, we ask that they will be kept safe from catching the virus.

We ask that You will give wisdom to the scientists who are working to develop a vaccine, a test for antibodies or therapeutic drugs. We pray for the trials that are underway that they will be successful and that soon they will be able to mass produce medication to heal all from this virus.

Lord teach us what we ought to be learn from this present time. We pray that our families will be kept safe whatever country they are in. Lord may the risk of death cause us all to reflect on what are the most important things in life. Lord be pleased to hear our prayer for Christ the Saviour's sake in whose name we pray.

Amen

Hymn 161 Now thank we all our God

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

Sermon

Hymn 705 Rock of Ages cleft for me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnZRRt5EMr0>

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and upon you now and for evermore.
Amen