

HWEC Morning Service 17 May 2020

Please note that I have no control over what advertisements might come up when you click on the youtube link. You can usually cancel these ads within a few seconds.

Call to worship Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ²
Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day
after day. (Ps. 96:1-2 NIV)

Hymn 577 The Church's one foundation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHCqXL3mCwU>

Prayer of Invocation

"LORD our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, there is only one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as we come this morning to hear your word and to and to respond to you in worship and obedience we thank you that you keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. (1 Ki. 8:23 NIV) "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people in Christ just as was promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises you gave and all those promises have become yes for your people in our Saviour Jesus Christ. ⁵⁷ May the LORD our God be with us today as you have with the saints who have gone before us; may you never leave us nor forsake us. ⁵⁸ turn our hearts to you, that we might walk in obedience and keep the commands, decrees and laws that you have given your people. (1 Ki. 8:56-58 NIV)

As we bow before you, we ask for the aid of the Holy Spirit that we might be enabled to raise our voices and sing your praise, that having confessed our sins that we might pray raising holy hands and that in heaven you would hear our prayer and that from heaven you might answer and grant us sufficient understanding of your word that we might embrace your truth and pledge ourselves to a long obedience.

Confession of sin

O God you who hear prayer Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of our youth

and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore you instruct sinners in your ways. (Ps. 25:6-8 NIV) For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive our iniquity, though it is great. (Ps. 25:11 NIV) Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted, estranged from your presence by our sins. ¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of our hearts and free us from our anguish. ¹⁸ Look on our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. (Ps. 25:16-18 NIV)

Christ has taken our sins upon himself, he has died that we might be forgiven, as you have shown us mercy in the past so again today pardon us from transgressions for Christ the Saviour's sake.

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. (Ps. 32:1-2 NIV)

Catechism Gerald

Announcements Prayer meeting via skype Thursday 7:30pm

Hymn King of kings majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGnpyYqwO8k>

Announcements

Prayer for illumination

Show us your ways, LORD, teach us your paths. ⁵ Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Saviour, and our hope is in you all day long. (Ps. 25:4-5 NIV) Reveal your glory to us through your word, because we ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Bible Reading That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. (1 Jn. 1:1-4 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us pray for the world.

God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom, and in your love you save us. We pray for the whole creation. Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong, feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice, so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made and joyfully sing your praises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We pray for our nation and repent before you for the sinful state of our society. Lord have mercy upon us. The tide of evil can only be turned back by your intervention. Remove the people in authority who are promoting immoral behaviour. Remove from church office those who use the public platform to campaign for unbiblical practices. Remember Lord the emergency services and all who risk their lives to keep our nation functioning during this lockdown. We pray for our government that you will give them and the scientists great wisdom as they decide the pace at which they will open up from the lock down.

Let us pray for the church.

Gracious God, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service. Lord preserve our liberty so that we are able to proclaim the whole counsel of Scripture without fear of prosecution or legal challenge. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the local churches around us. May they be built up in their faith and faithfully witness for you. We thank you that we live at a time when we are able to use technology to enable us to meet together. Lord we pray that you will sustain us through these weeks when we are not able to meet together.

We pray for our own congregation

Lord remember those who feel anxious because of uncertainty in their lives, we pray for those who are waiting for medical tests and for those who are recovering from surgery. We thank you for answered prayer regarding those who have recovered from the coronavirus. We pray that they will receive the care that they need to recover to full health and strength. We pray for those in our congregation who work in the NHS, go before them and reassure them of your care and love and the love and prayers of your people for them. We pray for those who struggle with mental health issues may they be sustained in life and be sustained by you through their anxious times. For those who

are stressed because of the uncertainties of their future, Lord may the joy of the Lord be their strength

Be pleased to hear our prayers and answer according to your will and for your glory and we ask all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also
have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one,
for yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory for ever.
Amen.

Hymn 304 Jesus is the name we honour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUqxpRlxdh8>

Sermon

Hymn 258 Great is thy faithfulness

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

Benediction