

## HWEC Morning Service 24 May 2020

**Call to worship** Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.  
(Rev. 1:4-6 NIV)

**Hymn** 98 Sing to God new songs of worship

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

### **Prayer of Invocation**

God of all glory, dwelling in light unapproachable, you are the one God from eternity, throughout OT times, through NT times in the Gospel age and throughout eternity future, the one God from eternity to eternity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Creator God on the first day you began creation bringing light out darkness, cosmos out of chaos, order out of disorder. On this first day you began the new creation raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death, translating your people from the Kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of your dear Son. On this Lord's day breathe the breath of the Holy Spirit into our hearts that with life we might worship. That we might approach you not just with words but with hearts full of adoration and praise. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Confession of sin**

Merciful god, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

"Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. <sup>22</sup> I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Isa. 44:21-22 NIV)

**Catechism** Gerald

**Hymn** Love divine all loves excelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igs3mNsppsI>

**Announcements** Catechism study on Thursday 7.30pm via skype

**Prayer for illumination**

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your word and obey your will.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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)

May God bless to our understanding this reading of His word

## Intercessory Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.** Lord our God we thank You that we can come as children to a father. We rejoice in the relationship that You have brought us into. You have made us secure in Christ and in that sense of security we can come to the throne of grace and address You as our Father. You are in heaven and Your ways are higher than our ways, but we thank You that You are not far away and that You have drawn us near in the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a holy God and we worship You in the beauty of holiness because You have taken away our sin.

**Your kingdom come.** We pray for the bringing in of Your kingdom, that You will rule in hearts and minds across our nation and in our day. Lord may this time of pandemic cause the extension of Your kingdom that many will come to acknowledge Your right to rule in their lives.

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.** May Your will be accomplished in our lives, in our families and in our church. Forgive us when we oppose Your will by our sinning. Help us to understand Your word so that Your will that You have revealed may guide our actions, our words and our thoughts. May Your will be done in our conversations. Help us not to do wrong but also help us not to leave out doing what is right and good and shares Your love with others.

**Give us today our daily bread.** We thank You that You provide for our needs. Help us in times of plenty not to take for granted that we depend on You for our daily needs. In our times of plenty help us to take time to share with others. We thank You for those who run food banks to provide for those who would go hungry. We pray for children to normally receive meals at school. We pray that You will provide for them and that the government's system of meal vouchers will function efficiently so that the children will have enough.

**Forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven others.** Lord as You have forgiven us so help us to have a spirit of forgiveness within our hearts and forgive those who sin against us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.** Left to ourselves we are too weak to walk before You as we should. Our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

**For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.** Lord through these days when we are not able to meet together we pray that we will know in ever

increasing measure the power and glory of Your kingdom. You have the right to rule in our lives. Help us to surrender daily that we might grow to be loyal subjects in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who are ill and recovering continue to bless them. [Add the names in your prayer]

We have made all these requests of you because, as our all-powerful King, you not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and we worship You because your holy name, should receive all the praise, forever. Be pleased to hear our prayer in Jesus' name. **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** Praise my soul the King of heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx1eMwIDFb8>

### **Sermon**

**Hymn** 754 Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hggC1tqifV8>

**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 all, now and forever more.  
 Amen.