

HWEC Morning Service 31 May 2020

Call to worship Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the LORD, the King. (Ps. 98:1-6 NIV)

Hymn 103B Praise my soul the King of Heaven

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

Prayer of Invocation

O Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit there is no God like our God. On the first day of the week we celebrate your creation of the world and all that is in it. Lord send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Bring in your Kingdom that your will be done on earth as it is Heaven.

O Lord our God there is no God like our God. On the first day of the week we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead. Lord create in us a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

On the first day of the week we celebrate in song, we raise our voices before you in prayer. We celebrate the presence of Christ as the Holy Spirit directs our thoughts and devotion to our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. May our worship be received in heaven today and may you move our hearts to sing your praise for Christ the Saviour' sake. Amen

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of sin

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.

O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Saviour and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Ps. 32:3-5 NIV)

Hymn There is a hope that burns within my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyMWBx6vvJo>

Catechism 11am Sunday via Skype

Announcements Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30pm via Skype

Prayer for illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. (1 Jn. 1:5-10 NIV)

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 Jn. 2:1-2 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

O gracious Lord God, you have loved us, and have chosen us to be a royal priesthood, to offer to you spiritual sacrifices. We would serve you in a ministry of prayer and intercession. O Gracious Lord God, you have called us out of darkness into your marvellous light, You are the rock of our salvation. You are faithful, sure and steadfast. We pray for the Church, for this Church, founded on the rock of Christ, built upon the foundation of the Word given through the apostles. Grant that this congregation may be firmly established in Christ, built up in Christ, performing the work of Christ, and filled with the love of Christ and walking in fellowship with one another and our God. Gracious Lord God, you have called us to be a royal priesthood and a holy nation. We pray for the leaders of the church, for the minister of the various churches in Hounslow. Help us as a church to know how to worship You through this time of lock down. Help us as we consider the opportunities that we should have to meet together over skype that we might be fed by Your word and maintain our contact and fellowship with one another.

O gracious Lord God you have chosen us to be a holy nation. God's own people, a nation called out from the nations, a people called out from all peoples. We pray for all peoples and nations. We pray for the nation of Iran and for the church in Iran. We thank you that so many people are turning to Christ. We pray for protection of your people and that the government will change their attitude and permit Christians to worship freely.

O Gracious Lord God, you have chosen us to be a holy nation. We bless you for the freedom that we enjoy in the United Kingdom, for the institutions that educate us, provide safe food and commodities and for a health service that looks after us when we are unwell. We thank you for the police and the armed forces, that work tirelessly to keep our country safe from terrorism and threat. We thank you for a democratic government. Help us to support them so that they can function and rule. We pray for special wisdom for the scientists who are advising government, for the government who have to make decisions and the civil service who have to prepare advice to explain how the decisions will be implemented.

We pray for our nation that as a people we might learn to conduct our debate without resorting to anger. Lord in mercy come and heal our land. To you be all glory, Gracious Lord God, for we rejoice in the service you have called us to perform. In Christ our great high priest we pray. Amen.

Hymn O Church arise and put your armour on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x63cVewXAeg>

Sermon

Hymn God forgave my sins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BS1ndKgU36I>

Benediction

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