

HWEC Morning Service 14 June 2020

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

Hymn 98A Sing to God new songs of worship

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

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God before your throne we bow and offer to you our praise and adoration. You are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In heaven and on earth and across the vast span of the galaxies there is none like you. Before anything was created you were there, you dwell in glory, righteousness and power, exalted far above all other authority. You give us the breath we breathe, you sustain our lives and our existence. As fallen creatures you have raised us up to have new life in Christ and in the name of Christ and aided by the Holy Spirit we are enabled to worship. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the one and only God be pleased to inhabit our gathering together today, speak to us through your word enable us to lift up our voices in praise and worship.

Lord you have done great things for us, you have delivered us out of darkness, you have lifted us out of the depths of eternal despair, you have established us in the path of righteousness you have put a new song of praise in our hearts and you have caused us to rejoice in the God of our Salvation. As we draw near to you today may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O lord our God for we ask this all in Jesus name. Amen

Throughout God's word we are called to worship and we begin our services with that call to worship, but God's word also calls upon us to confess our sins

Call to Confession

¹ 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. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon 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. ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. (Ps. 32:1-6 NIB)

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.

As the word of God calls us to confess our sins, a word from God also assures us that our sins are forgiven

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Ps. 103:8 NIV)

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. (Ps. 103:13-14 NIV)

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children-- ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. (Ps. 103:17-18 NIV)

Catechism

Gerald at 11am via Skype

Hymn 724 All my days I will sing this song of gladness

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

Announcements Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30pm via Skype

Prayer for illumination

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and lead us into your truth for Christ our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Bible Reading I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. 14 I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (1 Jn. 2:12-17 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

O Lord our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you in the name of Jesus Christ, we present ourselves in his name, we come prepared by his righteousness and we thank you that you promise that your ear is attentive to the prayer of the righteous. Lord if we were to depend on our own righteousness to stand before the holiness of your presence would destroy us because you are of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity. But with the confidence of coming in union with Christ we come before your throne of grace that we might find help in our time of need.

Lord we come to bring before you the needs of our nation at this time. We see from the many interviews on television, radio and newspapers that there is a state of great unrest in the country. We pray for the debates in the House of Commons. Lord we pray that your will be done. We pray that our members of parliament will act with honesty and integrity, that they will not misrepresent the facts but will cooperate with each other to find a way forward. Lord it does not take long for us to lose faith in people. We turn to you at this difficult time and pray that you will guide those who have to make decisions. If the right people are leading the nation empower them with your wisdom, if the wrong people are in place then raise up leaders that will be able to provide a way forward. Lord at present we cannot see how any of this can lead to the furtherance of the Gospel but help us to trust in you, because your way is perfect.

Lord we pray for our world that seems torn apart, like the Psalmist says the nations are in uproar. Lord you say in your word that you make wars cease. Please Lord intervene in where there is conflict.

We pray for nations that are still struggling to bring the coronavirus under control. We pray for Brazil that there will be agreement in the government and that there will be a concerted effort to save lives.

Lord for those in our congregation who have known suffering because of their faith we pray that you will bless them. We pray for all those who have been granted Asylum in our country but now are having to come to terms with being isolated. Lord for all those who find this present time difficult we pray that it will be a time when we all learn to depend on Your love and faithfulness.

Lord in mercy be pleased to hear our prayer for Christ the Saviours sake. 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 869 All the way my Saviour leads me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE0tFEs0Jos>

Sermon

Hymn 723 All I once held dear, built my life upon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxpPla-BskY>

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 forevermore. Amen