

HWEC Morning Service 21 June 2020

Call to worship Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 124:8 NIB)

Hymn Psalm 8 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

<https://www.gettymusic.com/howmajestic>

Prayer of Invocation

O LORD, God of your people, God of the nations, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, you keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You establish governments and you replace governments, all authority is under your sovereign hand, to establish order to restrain evil and to reward good.

Praise be the LORD, who has given rest to his people just as He promised; not one word has failed of all the good promises, he gave ...

May the LORD our God be with us, as he was with the previous generations; may he never leave us nor forsake us, may he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and to keep the commandments, decrees, and laws, he gave our ancestors.

O gracious and holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news

Who then is one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

(Rom. 8:34 NIB)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5:17 NIB)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Catechism Gerald at 11am by Skype

Hymn 955 Who can sound the depth of sorrows

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1lAXdbQAEg>

Announcements

Catechism at 7:30 Thursday via Skype

Prayer for illumination

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths;⁵ guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. (Ps. 25:4-5 NIB)

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

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you feed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people.

We thank you for the order and structures in society that makes our lives more tolerable. We thank you that we live in a representative democracy and that many civic minded people have invested their talent and time for the improvement in the quality of our lives.

We thank you for the educational system in this country, beginning at an early age in preschool nurseries. We thank you for those who have been trained and assessed to look after our young children safely so that children will have an early learning experience. We thank you for infants' schools for their teachers, classroom assistants and where needed special learning helpers. We thank You for those who work alongside the teachers and schools in counselling, social work and family support. In our junior schools our children are taught by qualified staff before entering the secondary school system. We thank you for the measure of choice that parents have so that our children can be nurtured and taught. We thank you for the support for children who fall outside of the system. We thank you that we have a system of apprenticeships and trades where are young people can learn a trade, for colleges of further education and universities. We thank you for all the support that our young people have as they progress through their education and for the thousands of men and women that it takes to maintain this educational system. Lord we ask that soon it will be safe for the children to return to their schools. We pray for children in homes where the parents don't provide home schooling, for children whose parents don't take time to occupy them. We ask that You will bless parents who are home schooling that You will help them to work with patience and that they will have joy in their hearts during this time.

We thank you for the medical care that we have in our society, for the choice between the NHS or private care. We thank you for those who work in maternity units who care for new born babies, for midwives, paediatricians, for community workers, and healthcare visitors who support new mothers. We thank you for the network of GP surgeries, for doctors, nurses and pharmacists, for hospitals, nursing homes so that from early age to later in life we can expect to be cared for

We thank you for the many charities in this country that seek to provide additional or complementary services to society.

We thank you for the security services, for the police service, for community police, for the secret service who work behind the scenes to keep us safe. For those who have been trained to provide cyber security so that our communications can function.

We thank you for those organisations that are based in this country and provide relief and humanitarian aid right across the world. We thank you for those who provided funds, for those who manufactured for those who transported emergency temporary shelter to those people in whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster or the pandemic. Lord we pray that in mercy that relief will be swift and that soon order will be established. We pray for those who are anxious about loved ones. Comfort them at this difficult time.

Lord we thank you that our society has been structured in many ways that it provides for us. Help us to support, honour and respect those who require our support so that they can do their jobs in an efficient way. Lord have mercy upon our society for Christ the Saviour's 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 Be still my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0jmPam4ymA>

Sermon

Hymn 951 Lord for the years your love has kept and guided

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW0rx90g1CM>

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.