

HWEC Morning Service 28 June 2020

Call to worship I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. ² I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High. (Ps. 9:1-2 NIV)

Hymn The King of love My shepherd is
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu83WQdQ7-Y>

Prayer of Invocation

In you, eternal Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In Christ we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings. Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Help us to have a sense of spiritual vitality in our daily living. May the joy of salvation be a living reality in our lives. Draw us closer to our Saviour through this time of worship. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight our Lord and our God, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

Confession of sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53:4-6 NIV)

Catechism Gerald at 11am via Skype

Hymn 1189 The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

Announcements Prayer Meeting on Thursday at 7:30pm via Skype. We are waiting to see the Governments advice on Churches reopening. We will have to carry out a risk assessment. Please be patient with us as we will have to ensure that the building is Coved safe before we can hold services again.

Prayer for illumination

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist-- denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 24 As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us-- eternal life. (1 Jn. 2:18-25 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit with the angels we sing and glorify your name. We are thankful for all that you have given us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. We lift our hearts to heaven and adore our God for you have done marvellous things and you have made our hearts glad. Our souls glorify the Lord our God, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour. You have been mindful of the humble and sinful state of our lives. But today and forever we have been blessed and we have been given authority to be called the children of God. Mighty God you have done great things for us and you live and dwell in holiness and you will bring us to that holy place dressed in robes of righteousness. We thank you that we have experienced mercy, that you have stretched out your mighty arm to reach us where we were you have lifted us out of darkness, you have set our feet upon our God the rock, you have put a new song in our mouths a hymn of praise to our God.

We come in the name of Christ before the throne of grace to find help in our time of need.

We pray for our nation: at a time when we should speak peace and love to one another, yet what we hear from our national leaders is hatred, mockery and scorn. Lord help our politicians to turn away from the negative attitude that they have adopted. Help them to come together to find a way to lead this nation forward. Raise up men and women who will be respected, take away the anger and spite and lead us God. We have to cry to you because we seem to be hopelessly lost.

Lord as our political leaders are at odds with one another Lord we do little better in the church. We have turned away from your word and we encourage lifestyles that are contrary to your word. We have turned away from the Gospel and are preaching a message that will never see people delivered from their sins. Lord teach us your word, help us to proclaim the Gospel as revealed in your word.

We thank you for the opportunities that we have to be able to share the Gospel with others. We pray that you will provide opportunities for us to invite friends to attend a Christianity explored study.

We pray for our congregation. With many nationalities present, many have friends and family overseas. Lord we pray for our families that you will bless them. May the Saviour bless today with salvation those friends and family who remain outside of Christ. May the witness of your people be a blessing to them and a means of bringing them to Christ.

We pray for those who remain unwell, give wisdom to the medical staff that they might be able to diagnose and treat those who are ill. We pray for physical, emotional and spiritual strength for those who are learning to cope with debilitating illness.

[Own prayer requests]

Lord in mercy be pleased to hear our prayer, for Christ the Saviour's sake.

Amen.

Hymn 1153 From the breaking of the dawn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3l8RVhxndYg>

Sermon

Hymn 1188 O to see the dawn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj8rU2G_aSc

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.