

HWEC Morning Service 12 July 2020

Call to worship

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.² Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,⁶ who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? (Ps. 113:1-6 NIV)

Hymn 136 Give to our God immortal praise

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

Prayer of Invocation

O Lord our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth, we worship you the one true God, beside you there is no other God, you alone are worthy of praise. We exalt your great and glorious name. Your glory, love and righteousness derive from your character, and your character is made manifest to us in the great work of redemption. Lord you have given us hope, you have taken away our shame, you are fulfilling in us the very meaning of our existence. Once we were without hope, without God in the world, but now we are in Christ through the blood of the cross and the spiritual resurrection and regenerating work by the Holy Spirit. Once we had no praise to bring, no sense of gratitude, but however we are before you this day we thank you that you cause within us that sense of gratitude. Lord enable us your people in this hour to praise and worship you. We are so unworthy but so blessed. But Lord we have to confess that the very thing that drove us from your presence is still in our hearts and lives

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

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! (Rom. 5:8-9 NIV)

Catechism Gerald at 11am

Hymn He giveth more grace

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

Announcements

Prayer for illumination

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance of the saints, the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. (1 Jn. 2:28-29 NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the

children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. (1 Jn. 3:1-10 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 pray for that you will intervene to remove the virus from our nation. Lord we pray that your will be done. We pray that lives will be spared. We pray for those whose jobs are at risk as the economy is opened up after lock down. Lord we pray that our members of parliament will be given wisdom to make good and timely. 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 that you will help us as we make plans to meet again as a church. Help us to be safe. We pray for the group that will work through the government's guidance, help us to implement this wisely so that we may meet safely.

Lord for those in our congregation who have medical issues and face further tests.

[Add the names in your prayer] We pray that the doctors will be able to diagnose the cause of condition. Lord in mercy be pleased to hear our prayer for Christ the Saviours sake. Amen

Hymn 698 I am trusting you Lord Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-TkHQjPNVg>

Sermon

Hymn 682 Jesus lover of my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2yotTKAUpQ>

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 evermore. Amen.