

## HWEC Morning Service 16 August 2020

**Call to worship** "Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. <sup>4</sup> Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Rev. 15:3-4 NIV)

**Hymn** 136 Give to our God immortal praise

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

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Lord God of heaven and earth and sea, you have made all things. We thank you that in 6 days you worked the work of creation and that the seventh day you rested from all your work on the seventh day. Creator God, Father Son and Holy Spirit we thank you that we were made in the image of God and that as you work so you set the example and give us the command to be a working people.

Help us to work throughout the week in the calling to which you have called us, whether that is a calling to be a carer in the home,

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**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was

sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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 via Skype

**Hymn** 855 Go labour on spend and be spent

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9FK2gXWwDA&list=RDH9FK2gXWwDA&start\\_radio=1&t=37](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9FK2gXWwDA&list=RDH9FK2gXWwDA&start_radio=1&t=37)

### **Announcements**

#### **Prayer for illumination**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for your word, that it may nourish us today in the

ways of eternal life, and strengthen us for the week of work that lies ahead. Enlighten us through your word for Christ our Saviour's sake. Amen.

**Bible Reading** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 Jn. 4:7-12 NIV)

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Lord God we pray for those who are in employment. We thank you for all in the congregation who are gainfully employed in schools, offices, industry. We thank you for those who enjoy part time work and for casual employment in the gig economy.

We thank you for employment that recompenses for the work that we do, for the friendships we make. We pray for those who are accountable to line managers, that you will help them to serve their employer with integrity and loyal service. We pray for those who struggle with their line manager, Lord where relationships are strained we pray that you will give wisdom and tact to be able to work to repair those relationships. We pray for those who have employees accountable to them, that you will give them the skill to manage in a way that brings the best out of the workers. Help them to communicate clearly and with respect and to create an environment where workers feel respected and valued.

We pray for those who find their job a burden, where they don't look forward to the start of another week. Lord give them wisdom to change their circumstances or the opportunity to change their job.

We pray for those who have to work long hours and work very hard to do their work. Lord we pray that they will find time to be refreshed and that they will be able to find pleasure and relaxation outside of work.

We pray for those who are looking to change jobs, or to work shorter hours that you will guide them and direct them.

We pray for all work colleagues that you will help your people to have a loving interest and to make genuine friendships. We pray for opportunities to be able to share the Gospel with work colleagues.

We pray for any who feel discriminated against at work because of their faith in Christ. Lord give them courage to function and to sustain their work under these difficult circumstances.

We pray for Christian friends who face the prospect of redundancy, help them at this stressful time.

We pray for those who are unemployed and would like to be back working we ask that you will provide for them and that there will be opportunities to find employment again.

We pray for those who are unemployed because of ill-health. Lord we pray that you will help them make the most of the time that they have and to do whatever they are physically and mentally able to do.

We pray for those who have retired from work. We ask that you will give good health to your people that they will enjoy their retirement years and that they will find opportunity to serve you.

Lord help us to support each other in the callings were you have placed. Help us to work to your glory, to show respect and value those whom we work with. Lord help us to be holy people in the workplace. 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** 868 Guide me O my great redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAN4EojeFOY>

**Sermon**

**Hymn** A Mighty Fortress is our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBhVuCcz9GI>

**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.