

HVEC Morning Service 30 August 2020

Call to Worship Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory. (Ps. 24:7-10 NIV)

A new and living way has been opened that we may enter the house of God and by faith draw near to God.

Hymn 84 How lovely is your dwelling place (Different tune)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAa2KcODPjk>

Prayer of Invocation

God most high, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power and authority to become your children. The eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that he might come to bring us to live in your holy presence. We draw near to worship in your Holy presence entering the most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, through the new and living way opened for us. Grant us the spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own and how great the hoped to which we have been called in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who lives and reigns with you our Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit in the splendour of eternal light one God now and forevermore. Amen

Reading of the Law

Having drawn near to God let us hear the reading of the will of God for our lives as God expressed it in the Ten Commandments that were given to the people of God.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not give false testimony.

10. You shall not covet

Jesus Christ when he was here on earth summed up the commandments when he said

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' (Matt. 22:37 NIV)

And

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matt. 22:39 NIV)

The Lord is a holy God and he calls us to be holy as we live before him, but holiness has not adorned our lives, therefore let us draw near to God, let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may find grace to help us in our time of need. Let us draw near to God in Jesus Christ to confess our sins.

Confession of sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fulness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen

Assurance of pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

When we come in faith looking only to the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ we can know that our sins are surely forgiven and that the peace of God that surely transcends all understanding will keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn Jesus thou joy of loving hearts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKoGjV5bqg>

Catechism Gerald 11am via Skype

Announcements Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30pm via Skype

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. (1 Jn. 4:17-21 NIV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (1 Jn. 5:1-4 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 all 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 thank you that this period of lock down and created opportunities to preach the Gospel online to many people who might not otherwise come to church.

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.

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

Amen.

Hymn My Jesus I love thee

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

Sermon

Hymn Christ our hope in life and death

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>