

HWEK Morning Service 9 August 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. (Ps. 113:1-3 NIV)

Hymn All creatures of our God and King

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CS-oOC_AAY

Prayer of Invocation

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies. Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea. All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide. You are the source of all life, and in your light we see light. There is no God but the God of heaven, the one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We bow down to no other neither to we acknowledge any other because you created all things and for your glory they were created. Only you have the words of salvation, only with you is the forgiveness of sin possible, only the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of worship.

Lord in mercy and grace draw near to us and by your Holy Spirit help us to worship and declare the glory of your name, for Christ the Saviour's sake. Amen

Confession of sin

Merciful god, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. (Isa. 1:18 NIV)

Hymn 480 Crown him with many crowns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7OCs0d_4vM

Announcements

Prayer for illumination

God, our great helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and lead us into your truth for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Bible Reading

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 Jn. 4:1-6 NIV)

Intercessory Prayer

God of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer.

Guide those who you have placed in authority over us. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice and the wellbeing of the citizens of this country. Lord remove from the media those who live without the fear of God in their lives and have been captured by the soundbites of an extreme liberal agenda. Lord when we live without the fear of God then our nation is open to every gross sin. Forgive us for legislating laws that undermine the family and promote practices that your word has forbidden. Lord bring our nation back to you. Sinful behaviour has become the new normal. Lord have mercy upon our nation and deliver us from our sin.

We pray for our churches and long that there might be unity in our life and witness. True unity can only be enjoyed when we unite under your word.

We pray for this congregation and ask that you will preserve the unity among us. We pray for the preaching and teaching of your word, for the Sunday service, for our midweek teaching and times of prayer. We pray for all who take part that you will prepare our hearts and minds that your people might be taught and built up in their faith. We thank you for technology that helps us to continue to have our services. We pray that this time of separation will not drive us away from one another.

We pray for those who are stressed because of mental health issues, or those anxious through work or family related issues, Lord bring comfort and resolve those issues that cause tension. If we have to live with the issues we pray for the grace and courage to bear the burden that are lot in life has given us. Help us not to resort to sin but to look continually to you.

We continue to pray for those who are under medical care. Lord be merciful to your people. We pray for those who are struggling with strife with others. Lords bring healing and reconciliation.

Lord as you call each time to worship help us by your Holy Spirit to realise your presence with us. Help us as we sing, as we pray as we listen to your word. Help us to remain teachable and to constantly grow in our faith. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 O for a thousand tongues to sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx0rCabJ16c>

Sermon

Hymn O love that will not let me go

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt69WDtYNLo>

Benediction