

## HWEC Morning Service 13 September 2020

**Call to worship** Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.<sup>2</sup> For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD. (Ps. 117:1-2 NIV)

**Hymn** Praise the Lord who reigns above  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGFZACpd5r0&list=RDrGFZACpd5r0&start\\_radio=1&t=32](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGFZACpd5r0&list=RDrGFZACpd5r0&start_radio=1&t=32)

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who at all times and places have praised your name, that with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honour to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we come to Christ the living stone, we derive our life from Christ who has made us living stones and is placing us in the house of God, a spiritual house, that in that house we might serve as a holy priesthood offering the spiritual sacrifice of praise the fruit of our lips. As we come to Christ this morning, help us with the enabling of the Holy Spirit that we might sing the praise of him who loved us and gave himself for us.

### **Confession of sin**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. (1 Jn. 1:5 NIV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 Jn. 1:7 NIV)

**Catechism** Gerald at 11am via Skype

**Hymn** The Lord's my shepherd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0&list=RDrGFZACpd5r0&index=2>

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

### **Prayer for illumination**

Teach us your way, O Lord and lead us on a level path. Teach us O Lord, to follow your decrees; then we will keep them to the end. Give us understanding, and we will keep your law and obey it with all our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Bible Reading**

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us-- whatever we ask-- we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 Jn. 5:13-15 NIV)

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Lord God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ we come to Christ the living stone and as living stones we thank you that we enjoy our life in Christ. Once we were not a people but now we are the people of God, a holy priesthood, called to offer spiritual sacrifices. We present ourselves before you to be used in your service, we offer our praise to you. We also offer our prayers on behalf of others.

We pray for the people in Greece, for those who have suffered loss we pray that aid will swiftly come to them. We pray for the young people who have been living in the camp and have been separated from their parents. Be near them as they settle in different countries. Lord in mercy use these tragic events to turn hearts back to you.

We pray for our own nation and ask O God that you will give wisdom to those who are negotiating a trade deal with the European Commission. We pray for the economy that it will recover. We pray for those who are concerned about their work. As furlough comes to an end we pray for those whose job will end that they will find new employment. We thank you for the measure of peace that there has been in Northern Ireland and we ask that violence may not start up again as debates about the border are raised again.

We pray that as control over law making is taken back by Parliament that there will be new safeguards put in place so that we can continue to preach the Gospel and have liberty to declare the whole counsel of God.

We pray for our church in Hounslow West and ask that as we begin to meet again that we will have opportunities in the future to evangelise and that many will come to know the Lord. We pray for the elders that you will guide us as we reflect on our activities over the coming months.

Again our God we pray for those who are recovering from illness, we remember those who will still have to remain at home once we open the church again. We pray for those whose families live overseas and are unable to be united as a family. We pray for those whose lives would be at risk if they were to return to their own country, Lord be with them as they are unable to meet with their families. Lord in mercy hear our prayers for Christ the Saviour's sake.

### **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** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JvCmvlm-Qg&list=RDrGFZACpd5r0&index=3>

### **Sermon**

**Hymn** Guide me O my great Redeemer

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

### **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.