

HWEC Morning Service 20 September 2020

Call to worship The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.⁸ He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.⁹ The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.¹¹ Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. (Ps. 9:7-11 NIV)

Hymn Give to our God immortal praise
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXDREtaNen4>

Prayer of Invocation

You are our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we will exalt you, you are the God of our fathers and we will praise you. From generation to generation you have been a faithful covenant God, keeping your promises. Lord we call upon the great name of our God this morning and ask for the aid of your Holy Spirit to help us worship you in a way that is pleasing to you.

Eternal light, shine into our hearts

Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil

Eternal power, be our support

Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance

Eternal love have mercy upon us

That with all our heart mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Call to Confession

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. (Isa. 30:15 NIV) Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! (Isa. 30:18 NIV)

Confession of sin

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

—Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12, 15-17, NJB

Assurance of Pardon

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. (Col. 2:13-14 NIV)

Catechism Gerald at 11.00 via Skype

Hymn There is a hope

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7oYmUyUx6w&list=RDx7oYmUyUx6w&start_radio=1

Announcements Bible Study and Prayer Thursday 7:30pm via Skype

Prayer for illumination

Lord God, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Jesus 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

Our Father in Heaven

Lord God we thank You that we come as children to a Father. We come before You in the name of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank You that You have made us a family, with brothers and sisters in Christ. We are held secure in that covenant relationship because of the promises that You have made, and all those promises are yes for us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hallowed be Your name

Lord we thank You that You have placed Your name upon our lives, that You own us as Your people. Lord help us to be faithful to Your word that we would live so that we do not dishonour Your holy name. Help us to be diligent in sharing the Gospel with others that their lives might bear Your name and that the praise of God will spread abroad, and the Kingdom of Christ be extended.

Your Kingdom Come

Lord we pray that Your rule be acknowledged in our nation. We have turned our back on You. We suffer from a deadly virus, yet there has been no national call for a day of prayer. Lord turn the hearts of our nation back to You. We pray that the work of the Holy Spirit will be manifest in the salvation of souls and in the sanctification of Your people.

Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven

Grant us grace to bear willingly all sorts of sickness, poverty, disgrace, suffering, and adversity and to recognise that in Your divine will is crucifying our will. Lord we confess that we long for solutions to our ills when we really ought to seek Your grace to be content with the lot in life that You have given us.

Give us today our daily bread

Lord, help us to see that we depend upon You for our daily bread. We pray for those who have lost their homes because of having to flee their country because of their faith in Christ. We pray for those in USA who have lost their homes through the forest fires. We also remember who have been forced to be isolated in their homes because the pandemic. Lord so little has to happen to us to make us realise how we are dependent upon You. We thank You for our daily bread and for every temporal blessing that You have given us reminding us of Your compassion and care. We

thank You for the provisions of healthcare and emergency services who keep us safe and rescue us when we get into trouble.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive others

Lord we have many sins and we have received forgiveness many times. As we need forgiven and our grateful for Your willingness to forgive. Help us Lord to show such willingness to forgive others.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Lord there are many things within us that has a natural draw towards sin. Lord deliver us from ourselves. There are many things in this world that are not able to promote faith in us. Lord deliver us from all this evil.

Our Father in Heaven we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 By faith we see the hand of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXB8ihepUpE&list=RDx7oYmUyUx6w&index=5>

Sermon

Hymn O Lord I come before Your throne of grace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fo1UV9pfrs&list=RD8SCorW9r_Is&index=11

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.