

# ***“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”***

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Call to Worship and Approach to God.** *You are invited to light a candle.*

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*Psalm 46:1-4, 10-11*

## ❖ Hymn

- 1 Praise the Lord! you heav'ns, adore him;  
Praise him angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
Praise him, all you stars of light.
2. Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.
- 3 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.
4. Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name.

❖ **Prayer of approach** ending with the Lord's Prayer:  
*(say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)*

## The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Genesis 6:9-22;

<sup>9</sup>Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:24

<sup>24</sup>And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

Genesis 8:14-19

<sup>14</sup> In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

<sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." <sup>18</sup> So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup> And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

**9** God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

❖ **Music in worship:** *With a Voice of Singing* - Martin Shaw

❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn**

1. Father eternal, ruler of creation,  
Spirit of life, by whom all things were made;  
Through the thick darkness covering every nation,  
Light to our blindness, come now to our aid:  
*Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.*
2. Races and peoples, still we stand divided,  
And sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;  
By wars and tumults love is mocked, derided,  
His conquering cross no kingdom wills to bear:  
*Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.*
3. Envious of heart, blind eyed, with tongues confounded,  
Nation by nation still goes unforgiven;  
In wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,  
Building proud towers which will not reach to heaven:  
*Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.*
4. Lust of possession causes desolations;  
Meekness is honoured nowhere in the earth;  
Led by no star, the rulers of the nations  
Still fail to bring us to the blissful birth.  
*Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.*
5. How shall we love you, holy, hidden Being,  
If we love not the world which you have made?  
O give us purer love, for better seeing  
Your Word made flesh, and in a manger laid:  
*Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.*

## 6. Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

Loving God,  
you have given us a beautiful world  
of plenty and diversity.

**Give us grace to fill the earth  
with love, peace and justice,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen,**

❖ **Hymn**

1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead your people into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness,  
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

**Blessing:** Go in peace to love and to serve God;  
**and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.**