

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

28th June 2020

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

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Psalm 13: 1-2,5-6

❖ Hymn

1. Lord, from the depths to Thee I cried:
My voice, Lord, do Thou hear;
Unto my supplication's voice
Give an attentive ear.
2. Lord, who shall stand, if Thou, O Lord,
Shouldst mark iniquity?
But yet with Thee forgiveness is,
That feared Thou mayest be.
3. I wait for God, my soul doth wait;
My hope is in His Word.
More than they that for morning watch,
My soul waits for the Lord.
4. I say, more than they that do watch
The morning light to see.
Let Israel hope in the Lord,
For with Him mercies be.
5. And plenteous redemption
Is ever found with Him;
And from all their iniquities
He Israel shall redeem.

❖ **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

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'twas grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

❖ Holy Scripture: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

❖ **Music in worship:** *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* - Richard Farrant

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

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn**

1. We sing the praise of Him who died,
Of Him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope though all deride,
For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, God is love!
He bears our sins upon the tree,
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The Cross: it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.
4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light.
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

Living God,
you gave everything,
even your only Son
to break sin's hold upon us.
**We offer our lives to you in return,
dedicating them to the life
of your Kingdom. Amen,**

Hymn

1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart;
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word I'll obey,
and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

❖ **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.**