



## Livestreamed Morning Service 26-7-20

### Welcome & Opening words

Praise the name of the Lord; **ascribe greatness to our God.**  
Lord, open our lips **and we shall praise your name.**

### Psalm 100 – said together

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his<sup>[a]</sup>; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### Opening Prayer

Lord, speak to us **that we may hear your word.**  
Move among us **that we may behold your glory.**  
Receive our prayers **that we may learn to trust you.**

**Amen.**

### Hymn

#### THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring,  
On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight;  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!

Blessèd and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light!

### A Time to Say Sorry

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.                      **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.                      **Lord, have mercy.**

### **We Receive God's Forgiveness**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen.**

### **Interview**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Romans 8:26-end**

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>28</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”<sup>37</sup>

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>38</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds<sup>33</sup> of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup> So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”<sup>36</sup>

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

### **Sermon**

## Prayers

### Songs: Be still and know & Everyone needs compassion

**BE STILL AND KNOW** that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee ... *(etc.)*

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ... *(etc.)*

### **EVERYONE NEEDS COMPASSION,**

Love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour;  
The hope of nations.

*Saviour,  
He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever,  
Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures;  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in;  
Now I surrender.

Shine your light  
And let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King, Jesus.  
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## Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Join us for zoom coffee

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