

Week One Daily Worship – Monday (3.30pm/7.30pm or a time that suits you)

You might want to listen to a song from one of our playlists

Titles underlined do not need to be said nor *instructions in italics*.

Psalm 145:1-5

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

An Opportunity to enjoy God's forgiveness

We, who have received so much from our God, are sometimes guilty of failing to share that good news for fear of what people will say to us or think of us. Psalm 107 says 'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story'. The psalmist encourages us to tell our story of God's work in our lives and Jesus calls us to make disciples, yet we find it so hard. We come today to confess our lack of boldness and to ask God to forgive us and empower us. We say together **God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: save us and help us. For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: save us and help us. For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: save us and help us. By Your Spirit grant us boldness to speak of you. In Jesus, name. Amen.**

Read these words of comfort: 1 Peter 2:24-25

'Jesus himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' ²⁵ For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: *Please use the blog reading for today*

Pause for thought on the Bible Reading *(suggest at least 30 seconds)*

A place for your prayers *(based on what you have just read)*

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer and a Blessing

Heavenly Father, thank You for the instructions we have in Your Word and the warnings, that help to keep us looking to Jesus. We pray that our love for You will not grow cold, but that in all things we will become more and more thrilled with the wonders of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. May our love for You start to reflect, in some small way, the love that You have shown to us. Thank You for the many privileges that are ours in Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

We praise and thank You Father, for Your steadfast love towards us. Thank You, Lord, for Your never-failing faithfulness, comfort and grace which is new every morning. Thank You, that You are a God who cares for each and every one of Your children and graciously looks after all who trust in You. You send help in times of trouble, provision in times of need, strength when we are weary and comfort when we are in distress. Thank You, that You carry us in Your everlasting arms of mercy and grace, and we praise Your holy name that Your grace is sufficient for all our needs and made perfect in our weakness. Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love towards us is very precious and we love You, and yet our love varies, we pray that You would help us to love You more and more with every passing day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A place for your prayers for our church family (*as long as you like*).

Merciful Father

Accept these and all our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

May the eternal God bless and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls and bring us safe to the heavenly country, our eternal home, where Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign, one God for ever and ever. Amen.