

Week One Daily Worship – Thursday (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*.

Introduction to worship: Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Please thank God for how He speaks and encourages us through His word.

An opportunity to enjoy God's forgiveness

The psalmist continues in Psalm 19 'But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.' He recognises that he is guilty of faults that he is not aware of and ones that he chooses to do and all who follow Jesus know that this is the case for them as well. We are not aware of all our sin, but the amazing truth of the gospel is that Jesus has dealt with that, we do not need to be aware of our sin to be forgiven it. Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension mean that all our sin is dealt with and so we confidently come to confession not because of anything we have done but because of all that Jesus has done. We say

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of Your Word, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against You; and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember with the Psalmist this truth – Psalm 116:1

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Your tender love towards mankind sent Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may experience His forgiveness and follow His example of patience and humility and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus 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 closing prayer

Heavenly Father we thank and praise You for the everlasting life that You have given to all who believe in Jesus because of Your wonderful grace and love. May we grow day by day to be more like You, full of compassion and kindness. Fill our hearts with Your love so that we will love You more and serve You by doing our part in the church family. Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, who is making us as a church family to be more like the Lord Jesus especially in our relationships with one another. We want to reflect Your grace and Your beauty in thought, word and deed. We ask that we may devote our time and hearts to reflect on all You are and all You have done for us, so that we may be the mature body of Christ with Him as our head. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Heavenly Father, Your word teaches us that in every generation there is false teaching and doctrine and we see that in our world today. We pray that You would give us discernment and protection from all those who knowingly or unknowingly are distorting the word of truth and the gospel of grace. Give us wisdom and understanding as we read Your word, so that we may be able to discern what is Biblical truth and what is a distortion of that truth. Protect our hearts and minds from all those who distort the truth and keep us all open to the truth of God, and aware of the overwhelming love of Christ, as we wait for His return. He alone is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A time for your own prayers (*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.

The God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle us in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.