



**Highland
International
Church
Inverness**

Sunday 23rd August 2020

Highland International Church

Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

<https://youtu.be/Y51iVAmiLMo>

HIC 10.00 am YouTube service (direct link):

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- **Sunday 23rd August (today) at 10.00am**

10.00am – **Morning Service** – YouTube live link

5.00pm – There will be a **New City Catechism Zoom** meeting tonight at 5.00pm looking at Question/Answer **No. 12:**



Q.12 What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A.12 Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love.

Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God had given them or us.

- **Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm**

We meet as a church family by Zoom for **Bible Study and prayer**. The usual connection details will be emailed out later this week.

- **Tuesday 1st September at 7.15pm**

The **Church Council** meets at 7.15pm.

HIGHLAND FOOD BANK

Here is an up to date list of requests from the Inverness based **Highland Food Bank**:

- Tins of potatoes - large and small
- Bags of sugar - large and small
- Tins of corned beef or spam - large and small
- Washing powder - large and small packets
- Washing liquid (ie for clothes) - small bottles
- **Individually wrapped** bars of soap

David and Emm Warmbath are willing to collect any donations (01463 710110), but it is also possible to *leave any donations at the door of the food bank premises itself, provided it is open* - at 1 Glebe Street, Inverness IV1 1RF (01463 717630)



One of our HIC members, athlete and ultra-runner **Donnie Campbell**, is attempting to beat a ten-year-old record of 39 days for climbing all **282 Munros** (Scottish mountains over 3000 feet.) Donnie is aiming for 33 days. Together with his wife **Rachael** as support, Donnie is running, climbing, cycling and kayaking his way – *all under his own steam* –

aiming to arrive at Ben Hope in ten days' time. By 8.30pm on Friday 21st August he had completed 183 Munros (65%) in 21 days. Pray on for Donnie and Rachael!

Highland International Church

Our **VISION**: Our first and fundamental concern is for God's glory. We believe that God is glorified when his Son, Jesus Christ, is recognised and worshipped as Lord and Saviour.

Our **MISSION**: *To know Jesus and to make Jesus known*

Our **AIMS**:

- **Reaching** others with the good news about Jesus Christ
- **Building** disciples of Jesus Christ
- **Sending** out and supporting partners in the gospel

Order of today's 10.00 am service

Call to worship

This is what the LORD says: *'Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,'* declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9 v 23, 24

1. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (said together)

[MATTHEW CH.6, V.9-13, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION © 2011]

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Bible reading (New International Version)

Genesis 42 v 25 – 43 v 14

[42] ²⁵ Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man's silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. After this was done for them, ²⁶ they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left.

²⁷ At the place where they stopped for the night one of them opened his sack to get feed for his donkey, and he saw his silver in the mouth of his sack. ²⁸ 'My silver has been returned,' he said to his brothers. 'Here it is in my sack.'

Their hearts sank and they turned to each other trembling and said, ‘*What is this that God has done to us?*’

²⁹ When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them. They said, ³⁰ ‘*The man who is lord over the land spoke harshly to us and treated us as though we were spying on the land.*’ ³¹ *But we said to him, “We are honest men; we are not spies.*’ ³² *We were twelve brothers, sons of one father. One is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in Canaan.”* ³³ ‘*Then the man who is lord over the land said to us, “This is how I will know whether you are honest men: leave one of your brothers here with me, and take food for your starving households and go.*’ ³⁴ *But bring your youngest brother to me so I will know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will give your brother back to you, and you can trade in the land.”*’

³⁵ As they were emptying their sacks, there in each man’s sack was his pouch of silver! When they and their father saw the money pouches, they were frightened. ³⁶ Their father Jacob said to them, ‘*You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!*’

³⁷ Then Reuben said to his father, ‘*You may put both of my sons to death if I do not bring him back to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him back.*’

³⁸ But Jacob said, ‘*My son will not go down there with you; his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If harm comes to him on the journey you are taking, you will bring my grey head down to the grave in sorrow.*’

[43] ¹ Now the famine was still severe in the land. ² So when they had eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, ‘*Go back and buy us a little more food.*’

³ But Judah said to him, ‘*The man warned us solemnly, “You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.”*’ ⁴ *If you will send our brother along with us, we will go down and buy food for you.* ⁵ *But if you*

will not send him, we will not go down, because the man said to us, “You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.”’

⁶ Israel asked, ‘Why did you bring this trouble on me by telling the man you had another brother?’

⁷ They replied, ‘The man questioned us closely about ourselves and our family. “Is your father still living?” he asked us. “Do you have another brother?” We simply answered his questions. How were we to know he would say, “Bring your brother down here”?’

⁸ Then Judah said to Israel his father, ‘Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. ⁹ I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life. ¹⁰ As it is, if we had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice.’

¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, ‘If it must be, then do this: put some of the best products of the land in your bags and take them down to the man as a gift – a little balm and a little honey, some spices and myrrh, some pistachio nuts and almonds. ¹² Take double the amount of silver with you, for you must return the silver that was put back into the mouths of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake. ¹³ Take your brother also and go back to the man at once. ¹⁴ And may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved.’

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**Chat with the children:
Saying “Good-bye”!**

1. THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT;

he makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone ...***

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone ...***

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Prayers for Others

1. COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING,

tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
name of God's redeeming love.

2. Hither to thy love has blessed me;
thou hast brought me to this place,
and I know thy hand will bring me,
safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.
*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

Bible Message

‘Wisdom for the journey’

1. **LOVED BEFORE THE DAWN OF TIME,**

Chosen by my Maker,
Hidden in my Saviour,
I am His and He is mine,
Cherished for eternity.

2. When I'm stained with guilt and sin,

He is there to lift me,
Heal me and forgive me;
Gives me strength to stand again,
Stronger than I was before.

So with every breath that I am given

I will sing salvation's song;

And I'll join the chorus of creation

Giving praise to Christ alone.

3. All the claims of Satan's curse

Lifted through His offering,
Satisfied through suffering;
All the blessings He deserves
Poured on my unworthy soul.

***So with every breath that I am given
I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation
Giving praise to Christ alone.***

***SINGING GLORY, HONOUR, WISDOM, POWER
TO THE LAMB UPON THE THRONE;
HALLELUJAH, I WILL LIFT HIM HIGH.
SINGING GLORY, HONOUR, WISDOM, POWER
TO THE LAMB UPON THE THRONE;
HALLELUJAH I WILL SING ...***

***With every breath that I am given
I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation
Giving praise to Christ alone***

4. Stars will fade and mountains fall;
Christ will shine forever,
Love's unfading splendour.
Earth and heaven will bow in awe,
Joining in salvation's song.

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Closing Benediction

***The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.***

Bible verses

James 1 v 2 – 5: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1 v 12: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Luke 14 v 25 – 27: Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: *‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.’*

Hebrews 5 v 8, 9: Son though he was, Jesus learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Colossians 2 v 2b, 3: Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Romans 8 v 31, 32: If God is for us, who can be against us? 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?

Quotations

Jim Packer: *“[Christian wisdom] is not a sharing in all God’s knowledge, but a disposition to confess that he is wise, and to cleave to him and live for him in the light of his word through thick and thin.”*

Alistair Begg: *“It is only when God shows us that the cupboard of our own supposed righteousness is absolutely bare that we are ready to admit our need and come humbly to him who is the Bread of Life.”*

Alistair Begg: *“When we wonder why the circumstances of our lives are the way they are, we need to realise that often it is God removing the props from under our lives so that he might bring us to... an awareness of our great need and then, in turn, to the discovery of God’s great provision for us in Christ.”*

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