



**Highland  
International  
Church  
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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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# Highland International Church

## *Welcome & Notices*

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Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

<https://youtu.be/XSrVTHZwaoU>

**HIC 10.00 am YouTube service (direct link):**

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- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (today)**

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

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- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

We meet as a church family by Zoom for **Bible study** and **prayer**.

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## **Order of today's 10.00 am service**

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### **Call to worship**

*“Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you.  
Be our strength every morning,  
our salvation in time of distress.”*

**ISAIAH 33 v 2**

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### **PSALM 23**

- 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,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.***

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,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.***

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[PRAISE 1189]

# 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.*



**Chat with  
the children**



**BLESS THE LORD, OH MY SOUL**  
*Oh my soul, worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship your holy name*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

***Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name***

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

***Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name***

3. And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

***Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name***

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## Prayers for Others

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### Bible reading (New International Version)

#### Psalm 131

*A song of ascents. Of David.*

*<sup>1</sup> My heart is not proud, LORD,  
my eyes are not haughty;*

*I do not concern myself with great matters  
or things too wonderful for me.*

*<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quietened myself,  
I am like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child I am content.*

*<sup>3</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD  
both now and for evermore.*

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## Bible Message

### The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment



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#### 1. HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,

How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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[PRAISE 426]

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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.*

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## Bible verses

**Philippians 4 v 12, 13:** I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

**1 Peter 5 v 5 – 7:** All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, *‘God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.’* Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Deuteronomy 29 v 29:** The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

**Isaiah 55 v 8, 9:** *‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’* declares the LORD. *‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’*

**Isaiah 66 v 13:** As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

**Zephaniah 3 v 17:** The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

**Luke 13 v 34, 35:** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”*

**Matthew 18 v 3:** Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 11 v 28:** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

## Quotations

**Charles Spurgeon** (on Psalm 131): *“One of the shortest psalms to read, but one of the longest to learn.”*

**Jeremiah Burroughs:** *“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”*

**Jeremiah Burroughs:** *“It is the disposition of our own hearts and not any external thing that brings forth gracious contentment.”*

**C S Lewis:** *“Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”*

**Eugene Peterson:** *“Christian faith is not neurotic dependency but childlike trust. We do not have a God who forever indulges our whims but a God whom we trust with our destinies... We do not cling to God desperately out of fear and the panic of insecurity; we come to him freely in faith and love.”*

**Eugene Peterson:** *“God does not want us neurotically dependent upon him but willingly trustful in him.”*

