



**Highland  
International  
Church  
Inverness**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</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/b03nCn4kWAI>

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

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- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January (today)**

10.00am – **Morning Service** – YouTube live-stream

5.00pm – **New City Catechism** by Zoom. (Q&A **27**)

**Q.** Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

**A.** No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

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- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**

We meet as a church family by Zoom for **Bible study** and **prayer**. Log on details later in the week.

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## **HIGHLAND FOOD BANK**

Here are the latest requests from the Inverness-based **Highland Food Bank**:

- Tins of potatoes – medium or small
- Bags of sugar

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

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## Order of today's 10.00 am service

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### Call to worship

Jesus said:

*'I am the light of the world.*

*Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.'*

### John chapter 8 verse 12

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#### 1. CREATION SINGS THE FATHER'S SONG;

he calls the sun to wake the dawn  
and run the course of day  
till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
his breath upon this spinning globe,  
he charts the eagle's flight,  
commands the newborn baby's cry.

***Hallelujah!***

***Let all creation stand and sing,  
'Hallelujah!'***

***Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
tell the wonders of creation's King.***

2. Creation gazed upon his face;  
the ageless One in time's embrace  
unveiled the Father's plan  
of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth,  
whose blameless life would break the curse,  
whose death would set us free  
to live with him eternally.

***Hallelujah!***

***Let all creation stand and sing,  
'Hallelujah!'***

***Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
tell the wonders of creation's King.***

3. Creation longs for his return,  
when Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
the bitter wars that rage  
are birth pains of a coming age.  
When he renews the land and sky,  
all heaven will sing and earth reply  
with one resplendent theme:  
the glory of our God and King!

***Hallelujah!***

***Let all creation stand and sing,  
'Hallelujah!'***

***Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
tell the wonders of creation's King.***

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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.*

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## Bible reading (New International Version) 1st Thessalonians 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

<sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere.

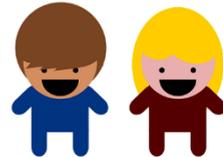
Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,<sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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*Chat with  
the children*



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**1. WHAT LOVE COULD REMEMBER,  
NO WRONGS WE HAVE DONE**

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

***Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more***

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

***Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more***

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## *Prayer for Others*

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### **Bible Message**



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**1. HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM,  
LIFT YOUR EYES TO THE KING;**

let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in his unfailing grace.

2. Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ; walking justly before him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.

***King of heaven, we will answer the call,  
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.***

3. Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost  
with the Father's compassion,  
in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness,  
and a hope yet to come:  
let the nations put their trust in him.

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we will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.***

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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

**1 Peter 4 v 14 – 16:** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

**2 Corinthians 4 v 14 – 18:** We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself... Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## Quotations

**John Stott:** *“It is by the gospel that the church exists and by the church that the gospel spreads. Each depends on the other. Each serves the other.”*

**John Calvin:** *“The gospel cannot be truly or genuinely received without a glad heart.”*

**John Calvin:** *“There are very many, we observe, not otherwise hostile to the gospel, who still evade it because of their fear of the cross.”*

**Thomas à Kempis:** *“Many who often hear the Gospel of Christ are yet but little affected, because they have not the Spirit of Christ.”*

**John Stott:** *“We need to look like what we’re talking about.”*