



**Highland  
International  
Church  
Inverness**

**Sunday 24<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/BDadXSK453Q>

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

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- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January (today)**

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

5.00pm – **New City Catechism** by Zoom. (Q&A **26**)

**Q. What else does Christ's death redeem?**

**A.** Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

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- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 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

*'Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'*

**(1 Thessalonians 5 v 16 – 18)**

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*Inspired by **Psalm 67**, this hymn is a call to worship and mission*

#### **1. YOU HAVE CALLED US OUT OF DARKEST NIGHT**

Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

2. May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

3. All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known

4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

5. This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue,  
Your church proclaims

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY  
WORTHY, WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN  
HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY  
ALL CREATION PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

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## **Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (said together)**

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*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 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<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.

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*Chat with  
the children*



## 1. THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY

Death is beaten, you have rescued me

Sing it out, Jesus is alive!

The empty cross, the empty grave,

Life eternal, you have won the day

Shout it out, Jesus is alive!

He's alive!

***And oh happy day, happy day***

***You washed my sin away***

***Oh happy day, happy day***

***I'll never be the same***

***Forever I am changed***

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2. When I stand in that place

Free at last, meeting face to face

I am yours, Jesus you are mine

Endless joy, perfect peace

Earthly pain finally will cease

Celebrate, Jesus is alive!

He's alive!

***And oh happy day, happy day***

***You washed my sin away***

***Oh happy day, happy day***

***I'll never be the same***

***Forever I am changed***

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OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY,  
WHAT A GLORIOUS WAY  
THAT YOU HAVE SAVED ME  
AND OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY,  
WHAT A GLORIOUS NAME

*And oh happy day, happy day  
You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day, happy day  
I'll never be the same*

*Forever I am changed  
I'll never be the same.*

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## Bible Message

# An Authentic Election



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### 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.

*Singing glory, honour, wisdom, power  
To the Lamb upon the throne;  
Hallelujah, I will lift Him high.  
Hallelujah I will sing*

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.*

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## Bible verses

**Ephesians 1 v 4, 5:** For [God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

**Exodus 19 v 5, 6:** Out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

**1 Peter 2 v 9:** You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**John 15 v 16:** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.

**Deuteronomy 7 v 7 – 8:** The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you.

**1 Corinthians 2 v 4, 5:** My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**James 2 v 15 – 17, v 26:** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, '*Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,*' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead... **v 26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

**1 John 3 v 16 – 18:** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

**Ephesians 2 v 8 – 10:** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**John 6 v 37:** All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

## Quotations

**John Stott:** “[God] chose us because he loves us, and he loves us because he loves us. He does not love us because we are lovable, but only because he is love. And with that mystery we must rest content.”

**John Owen:** “Without the Holy Spirit, we might as well burn our Bibles.”

**Charles Spurgeon:** “If your theology doesn’t change your behaviour, it will never change your destiny.”

