



**Highland
International
Church
Inverness**

Sunday 7th February 2021

Highland International Church

Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

<https://youtu.be/BLS6t6K2b3c>

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Sunday 7th February (today)

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

5.00pm – **New City Catechism** Zoom.
(Q&A **27 pt.2**)

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.

Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm

Love, Live, Tell 2021

An evening with Christianity Explored Ministries

Join us online to hear news of how God has been growing our ministry over the past year.

We will be premiering our brand-new animation video which tells the good news of Jesus in just over two minutes. You will also have the opportunity to hear about how the Lord has been using our resources to advance the gospel during the pandemic and to hear an update about our forthcoming Hope Explored series.

www.ceministries.org/Articles/597936/Blog/Love_Live_Tell_2021_Sign.aspx

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

Order of today's 10.00 am service

Call to worship

The LORD is the true God; he is the living God,
the eternal King.

When he is angry, the earth trembles;
the nations cannot endure his wrath.

Jeremiah 10 v 10

PSALM 75

1. O GOD, WE THANK YOU THAT YOUR NAME

is known and feared through all the earth;
your sentence waits the appointed time
and thunder brings your judgements forth.

2. The proud are cautioned not to boast,
the wicked, not to raise their eyes,
for you are king from east to west,
and you alone shall have the praise!

3. O Lord, you judge us all, and hold
the wine cup in your sovereign hand;
so all the wicked of this world
shall taste the dregs, the bitter end.

4. We come before you, God of gods-
your power shall cut the wicked down;
we worship you, the Lord of lords-
you lift us up to share your throne!

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[PSALM 75 // PRAISE 75]

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)

Acts 17 v 16; v 22 – 34

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in **Athens**, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
*'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **TO AN UNKNOWN GOD**. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.*

²⁴ *'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring."*

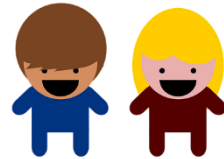
²⁹ *'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.'*

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, 'We want to hear you again on this subject.' ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

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Chat with the children



1. **HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN,**

lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

2. On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

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[PRAISE 424]

Prayer for Others

Bible Message



1. O, TO SEE THE DAWN

of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

***This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath:
we stand forgiven at the cross.***

2. O, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin;
every bitter thought,
every evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross...

3. Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross...

4. O, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.

***This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

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[PRAISE 1188]

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

Exodus 20 v 1 – 6: And God spoke all these words: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.'

Luke 11 v 21, 22: When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

John 1 v 29: John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, '*Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*'

Revelation 6 v 15 – 17: Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, '*Fall on us and hide us from*

the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?’

Psalm 75 v 7, 8: It is God who judges: he brings one down, he exalts another. In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.

1 John 4 v 10: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice / propitiation for our sins.

Quotations

Tim Keller: *“[An idol] is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.”*

Tim Keller: *“A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.”*

John Stott: *“Working and waiting belong together. In combination they will deliver us both from the presumption which thinks we can do everything and from the pessimism which thinks we can do nothing”*

John Stott: “God’s wrath is neither an impersonal process of cause and effect (as some scholars have tried to argue), nor a passionate, arbitrary or vindictive outburst of temper, but his holy and uncompromising antagonism to evil, with which he refuses to negotiate. One day his judgement will fall. It is from this terrible event that Jesus is our deliverer.”

J I Packer: “In paganism, man propitiates his gods, and religion becomes a form of commercialism, and indeed, of bribery.

In Christianity, however, God propitiates his wrath by his own action:

- **he set forth** Jesus Christ, says Paul (Romans 3 v 25), to be a propitiation;
- **he sent** his Son, says John (1 John 4 v 10), to be the propitiation for our sins.”

