



**Highland
International
Church
Inverness**

Sunday 21st March 2021

Highland International Church

Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

<https://youtu.be/wiL2Pz2loPA>

HIC 10.00 am YouTube service (direct link):

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- **Sunday 21st March (today)**

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

5.00pm – **New City Catechism** by Zoom
(Question & Answer **No. 32** – “*What do justification and sanctification mean?*”)

- **Thursday 25th March**

7.30pm – We meet as a church family by Zoom for **Bible study** and **prayer**.



David and Swantje Hendrickse are planning to join us on Thursday evening.

This will be a great opportunity for us to meet them on-line, as well as pray for them, before David (23) starts work with us as a Ministry Associate on **Wed. 1st September**. *It would be a real encouragement for them to see all our HIC faces this Thursday evening. Please log in to Zoom at 7.30pm!*

HIGHLAND FOOD BANK

Here are the latest requests from the Inverness-based **Highland Food Bank**: *Tins of potatoes – medium or small; Bags of sugar; Fruit Juice.* **David and Emm Warmbath** are willing to collect any donations (01463 710110), but you can also leave donations at the door of the Food Bank premises itself, *provided it is open* – 1 Glebe Street, Inverness IV1 1RF



COUNTDOWN TO OUR FIRST 2021 IN-PERSON SERVICE

Next Sunday – **Palm Sunday 28th March** – we will be allowed to hold our first in-person service for 2021. Once again (*as last December and until hotels are allowed to re-open*) Smithton Church has generously given us exclusive use of their coffee lounge/hall at **7.00pm** on Sunday evenings.

If you would like to attend this first in-person service of 2021 next Sunday 28th March at 7.00pm, *please let Peter Humphris know by this **Thursday 25th March***. You can phone, email or text message – whatever is most convenient for you:

01463 791 782, 07796 593 950, peter@humphris.co.uk

NB. To maintain social distancing and to enable *Covid-19 Track & Trace* we have to keep a record of everyone attending so that seats can be allocated beforehand.

Order of today's 10.00 am service

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Call to worship

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

*The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.*

Psalm 98 v 1, 2

Psalm 98

1. SING TO GOD NEW SONGS OF WORSHIP –

all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
*He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.*

2. Sing to God new songs of worship –
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
*Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!*
3. Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord.
*Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.*

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[PSALM 98 / PRAISE 98A]

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.*

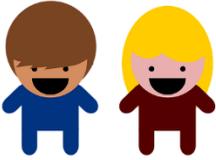
*And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Bible reading (New International Version)

1 Thessalonians 3 v 1 – 5

^{3:1} So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. ² We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, ³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. ⁴ In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.

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Chat with the children



1. **WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,**

All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

***O what a friend, O what a friend,
O what a friend we have in Jesus,
Every night, every day, to him I can pray,
what a friend, what a friend we have in him.***

[REPEAT CHORUS]

3. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

***Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.***

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Bible Message



A Ministry of Encouragement

1 Thess 3 v 1 – 5

1. **STAND UP! STAND UP FOR JESUS!**

Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day.

Ye that are men, now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger.
And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you;
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
And, watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4. Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long:
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally.

***To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally.***

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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 2 v 15 – 17: 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.

Hebrews 12 v 1 – 3: Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Matthew 5 v 10 – 12a: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Acts 14 v 21, 22: [Paul and Barnabas] returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. ‘*We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,*’ they said.

1 Peter 4 v 12, 13: 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.

Quotations

Angus MacLeay: “*Onlookers might consider it quaint and unworldly that to counter Satan’s attacks and vicious persecution... Paul sends a preacher. Yet Paul knows... [and] is fully convinced that it is only through the ongoing ministry of the Word that God’s church is established.*”

Samuel Rutherford: “*When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord’s choicest wines.*”

David J Williams: “*Trials are a part of God’s purpose for us... acceptance of the proposition that ‘we were **destined for them**’ does put meaning into life when difficult and dark days overtake us.*”

John Stott: “*Perhaps the best way to protect people from being upset by tribulation is to remind them that it is a necessary part of our Christian vocation.*”

