



**Highland
International
Church
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Sunday 25th April 2021

Highland International Church

Welcome & Notices

Welcome to our YouTube live-stream service:

<https://youtu.be/j96Qhlu-R5Q>

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- **Sunday 25th April (today)**

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

7.00pm – **Evening Service** in Smithton Church,
Murray Road, Smithton, IV2 7YU.

- *We need to keep a record of everyone attending the evening service for Covid-19 “track and trace” purposes.*
 - *Please don't arrive before 6.50pm.*
 - *Please bring your own Bible.*
 - *Please wear a face mask the whole time you are in the church building and maintain 2m social distancing.*
 - *We look forward to seeing you and for us to be together face to face worshipping the Lord.*
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- **Thursday 29th April**

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

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! GOOD NEWS!

- **Sunday 2nd May (next Sunday) at 12 noon.**

We have been invited back into the **Craigmonie Hotel** from next **Sunday morning 2nd May**. The service will begin at **12 noon** (to enable the hotel staff time to clear up after breakfast.) The usual Covid-19 restrictions still apply. Further details later in the week. Book to come.

Order of today's 10.00 am service

Call to Worship

“See what great love
the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God!
And that is what we are!”

1 John 3 v 1

1. ALL MY DAYS I WILL SING THIS SONG OF GLADNESS,

Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

***Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And you reign, you reign over all.***

3. I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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[REPEAT CHORUS]

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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.*

Bible reading (New International Version)

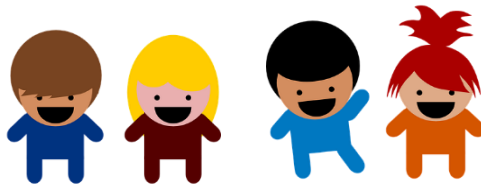
1 Thessalonians 3 v 6 – 10

⁶But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.

⁷Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

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Chat with the children

1. **GOD LISTENS WHEN I TALK TO HIM,**

He hears me when I pray.
God listens when I talk to him,
He hears me when I pray.

***It's easy to see –
God loves and cares for me!***

2. When I have something hard to do,
God will show me the way.

When I have something hard to do,
God will show me the way.

***It's easy to see –
God loves and cares for me!***

3. There are times when I feel afraid,
But then I know God's there.

There are times when I feel afraid,
But then I know God's there.

***It's easy to see –
God loves and cares for me!***

4. God gives me everything I need,
He shows his love for me.

God gives me everything I need,
He shows his love for me.

***It's easy to see –
God loves and cares for me!***

5. I'll try to do what God has said –
Love him and others too.

I'll try to do what God has said –
Love him and others too.

***It's easy to see –
God loves and cares for me!***

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Prayer for others ...

Bible Message



1. **BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS**

our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
foreshadows that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our fervent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When for a while we part,
this thought will soothe our pain:
in Christ we still are joined in heart
and we shall meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way,
while each in expectation lives
and longs to see that day.

6. From sorrow, toil and pain
and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

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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

Proverbs 25 v 25: Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.

Romans 1 v 11, 12: I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.

Luke 10 v 21: At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, *‘I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.’*

Quotations

John Stott: *“Prayer... was vital. Letters too can encourage and establish people in their faith. But there is no substitute for the stimulus of face-to-face fellowship, when we are **‘mutually encouraged by each other’s faith’**,*

Romans 1 v 12
