

Virtual Service 23 Aug 2020

Praise:

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
'til 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,
each piece put on with 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGf2fTla0zo>

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Reading: Haggai 2:1-9

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: ²“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ³‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.’”

Praise:

RESTORE, O LORD, The honour of Your name, In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again; That men may see And come with reverent fear To
the living God, Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord, In all the earth Your fame, And in our time revive The church
that bears Your name. And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy, O living
God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold, In Your refiner's fire Come
purify the gold. Though suffering comes and evil crouches near, still our living

God Is reigning, He is reigning here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=35&v=1g4p3v06lhk&feature=emb_logo

Sermon: Faith's focus and fortitude

Haggai 2:1-9 – Faith's focus and fortitude

<https://www.facebook.com/1142790689184754/videos/996219000800475/>

Prayer of Intercession: by Andy Turnbull

Listening God, You call us to come to You with our prayers for others. And we do so in a spirit of gratitude for all the ways Your grace and mercy fills our lives ... We thank You for creation, and for all the blessings of this life, and, most of all, for Your boundless love in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our redeeming presence.

Give us a constant awareness of Your mercy. Call us to take time to immerse ourselves in Your grace. Make us aware of signs and symbols of Your love in action.

Loving God, in Jesus Christ You taught us to pray and to put to You our hopes, our dreams, our fears and our questions, in His name. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit that our prayers for others may serve Your will.

You made all things in Your wisdom, and, in Your love, you save us. So we pray for all creation, that evil powers might be cast down, that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness might be fed, and that all Your children – all equal in your sight – might enjoy in equal measure the fruits of Your world.

We pray for the Church. Keep us one in faith and service, so that Your Good News might be proclaimed, and so that Your love and light might be beacons of hope and purpose in the darkest places.

We cannot love You fully unless we love our neighbours as ourselves. So we pray for our enemies and our friends; we pray for all those in need, in body, mind and spirit; we pray for all who suffer from pain and sorrow; especially any known to us whom we name before You now

... Silence

God of compassion, bless us and those we love, that, drawing close to You, we may be drawn closer to each other. And hold us always in the palm of your hand and in the safety of your shadow, in the one Kingdom of Your love

In Jesus' name we pray Amen,

Praise:

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.
2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.
3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.
4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.
5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=87&v=Gf11rReeWIs&feature=emb_logo

Benediction: And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. AMEN.