

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021



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Well, here we go again, another Lockdown! This has taken most of us by surprise and suddenly everyone is making adjustments to their daily schedules. It is unlikely we will return straight away to normality; more likely, there will be a staggered moving through the levels, and with this in mind, the decision has been made by Parish Council to cancel all meetings until further notice.




The service this Sunday would have been led by Allan Middlemiss and the Music Team co-ordinated by Doug Gall. Doug had prepared a lovely selection of songs and the best we can now do is offer these online.

We are living through very uncertain times but it is good to remember that nothing surprises our God and He is in ultimately in charge of the creation: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.' (Psalm 46:1) Let's keep safe and in touch with each other via email, text, and phone; and please pray for our nation, government, and world.

God bless,

*Michael*

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## OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, righteous and merciful,

As we set aside a time for private worship, help us still our hearts and minds, and free our consciences from the things that divide us from you.


So much is happening in our world that could overwhelm us, but we affirm your sovereignty.

We could easily shut our eyes to your glory, our minds to your truth, and our hearts to your Holy Spirit.

And yet we want to love you, Lord, to offer you true worship and joyful service.

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; and since all your paths are loving and sure, guide us in the way we should go, and lead us to life ever-lasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*


**Listening:** Ascribe Greatness 

*In Psalm 143, David calls on the community to unceasing praise. The reason for this is God's greatness. In His presence, we must admit our limitations, for no one can fully understand God's purposes and His ways.*

## FOCUSING PSALM

### Psalm 143: 1-13a

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.
- <sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,
- <sup>12</sup> so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

 **Listening:** 'Father of All Things'

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament  Psalm 143: 7-12

New Testament  1 Corinthians 12: 12-26

 **Listening:** 'Exalt Thee' ('I love you, Lord')

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

God of all nations,  
Your love is without limit and without end.  
Enlarge our vision  
Of your redeeming purpose for all people.  
By the example of your Son,  
May we be ready to serve the needs of others  
In a world of great need.

We pray today specifically for Afghanistan and its people. We pray for your sovereign protection of those who have been displaced or whose lives and safety are at risk. We ask for a hand of restraint over the aggressors, the restoration of order, for peace and civil society. Lord have mercy.

We pray also for Syria and its citizens who continue to be embroiled in a civil war that rages on and has seen great bloodshed. We know that this nation features prominently in Scripture and, throughout history, your blessing has been evident in this ancient land. We pray that the secret dealing of the current regime, and its crimes against civilians are exposed, and we ask for a restoration of good order and protection of those who are innocent. Lord have mercy.

We pray for our own government and its leaders. We uphold all who are in elected positions of authority; that they may govern with godly integrity and justice, even if they are not aware of it. We ask specifically for responsible leadership in relation to the corona virus; that decisions made will balance the interests and needs of all citizens. Lord have mercy.

We pray for our church fellowship at Hoon Hay. Lord, you know our hearts and what each of us faces. May we learn to trust you fully and stand on your promises, in spite of and not because of, the circumstances we find ourselves in. For those among us who are hurting, grieving, and struggling, please journey with us in ways that help us make sense of what we are facing. In faith, we ask for your healing hand where there is illness; for deliverance where there is darkness, for restoration and comfort where there is loss. Lord have mercy. We also pray for our Parish Council. May it discern a transforming vision which takes your love, grace, mercy and hope into our community in more effective ways. May your Spirit guide us as we earnestly seek a fresh direction and new initiatives.

These prayers and many more that are unspoken but still on our hearts, we bring before you in Jesus' name.

***Amen.***


'The gifts of God flow from the love of God, and they are entrusted to those who are walking in the way of love.'

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## MESSAGE



'Life in the Spirit' (Pt.6): Gifts

Listening:  'Lord, I lift your name on high'

## BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ;  
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit;  
be with us all, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## CHURCH NOTICES

All services and other activities and gatherings on site are cancelled until further notice. Please keep yourself informed by checking the church [website](#) and Facebook. New notices will be posted there regularly.

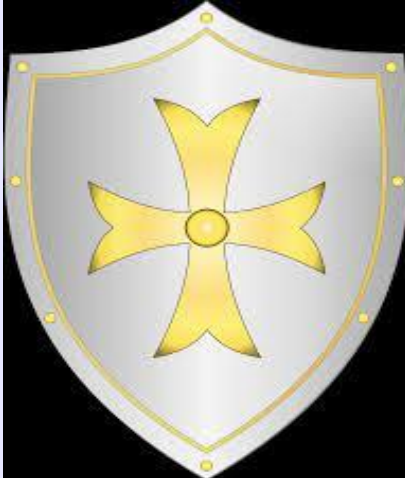


Happy Birthday celebrations this week for David H and Janice A-S.

Please share celebrations and milestones (via email to the church office). These can then be mentioned in the following week's notices.

Please maintain regular giving during this time. If you need help with banking contact the Church Office by email.

**PUZZLE:** This arrow puzzle can be completed by printing the page or you can click on the puzzle to go to [www.biblepuzzles.com](http://www.biblepuzzles.com) where you can complete the puzzle online.

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