



**Welcome to our Remote Service!**

**Sunday 22nd March 2020**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - Living in the light**

**Welcome:** David Horrocks

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love You,  
and worthily magnify Your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song:**

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| <p>1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;<br/>To His feet thy tribute bring.<br/>Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br/>Who like thee His praise should sing?<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise the everlasting King!</p> | <p>3. Father-like, He tends and spares us;<br/>Well our feeble frame He knows;<br/>In His hands He gently bears us,<br/>Rescues us from all our foes.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Widely as His mercy flows.</p>   |
| <p>2. Praise Him for His grace and favour<br/>To our fathers in distress;<br/>Praise Him, still the same forever,<br/>Slow to chide, and swift to bless.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Glorious in His faithfulness.</p>         | <p>4. Angels in the height, adore Him;<br/>Ye behold Him face to face;<br/>Sun and moon, bow down before Him,<br/>Dwellers all in time and space.<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise Him! Praise Him!<br/>Praise with us the God of grace!</p> |

## Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry

and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

(John 3:16)

## Mothers Day

### Song:

1. When I'm all alone and afraid  
I will trust in You,  
For You watch over my ways  
When things in my life don't make sense  
I will trust in You,  
For You are good, You are good

*Sovereign One*

*You work all things to Your plan*

*Sovereign One*

*You hold all things in Your hands*

2. When I don't get to have my own way  
I will trust in You  
For You know what is best  
When tears begin to roll down my face  
I will trust in You  
For You are good, You are good

*Sovereign One...*

Perfect in power,  
You control all things  
Perfect in wisdom,  
You know everything  
Perfect in goodness,  
Jesus, You're so good to me  
So good to me, for you are

*Sovereign One...*

## Responding to the COVID-19 virus

‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be confirmed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.’

(Romans 8:28-29)

## Prayers

### Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>5</sup> Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**Talk:** ‘Living in the light’ - Julian Bidgood

## Song:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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## Next Week

We will complete the series in 1 Thessalonians. Julian will be speaking on verses 12-28 in chapter 5, 'A Vision for the Church'.

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