



SUNDAY IN HOME WORSHIP

Sunday 19th April 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some medical experts are advising us to prepare for restrictions through to the end of winter, other political commentators are touting the possibility of restaurants being reopened within weeks, and the NRL are planning on playing games again at the end of May. The end result of all this is that (clearly) the Lord alone knows when this trial will subside and what shape that will take! In the meantime (and beyond), we keep on singing with thanks (Psalm 100), telling the waves of chaos about our Almighty God in Christ (Psalm 93), remembering how seas and mountains fled away because he is with us (Psalm 114), and celebrating that Jesus is risen and even death has lost its sting, let alone a virus (Psalm 16).

Over the coming weeks we'll be revisiting some previous sermon series and thinking about how God's word to us in those books speaks to this time, and to our entire lives. This week we'll be revisiting Philipians, and in coming weeks we'll be doing the same with Hebrews, Genesis, and others too.

Just a quick reminder to keep checking your emails for the weekly updates, as well as the church's website where some helpful resources are being uploaded (go to <https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/>). Please keep checking in on one another however you can and keep praying through the church directory too.

If you can think of any important announcements that would be worth noting here for next week, please let Luke or Ben know. If you have pressing prayer or praise points, please let us know about those also.

READ NUMBERS 6:22-27

PRAY IN RESPONSE

After hearing God's word to us, let's respond in prayer to him.

- Notice the kindness of God in this text. It's the LORD who sets this all up. He appoints priests and gives them this blessing from him for his people. He wants his people to know they have his attention, protection, favour, grace, and peace!
- The LORD blesses and keeps us at all times. Meditate on the ways you have experienced God's blessing and kindness this past week. Give him thanks for his unceasing kindness and care.
- We are God's special people who bear his name and have his favour (his countenance). Give praise to God who sets us apart as his own and who showers us with his grace daily.
- The LORD blesses us with his peace. Praise God for the peace he gives us from himself through Jesus, the great High Priest (far greater than Aaron!) through whom we have every spiritual blessing including transcendent peace.
- Though the world around us is scared and anxious, we can live in peace because we know we are God's special people in Christ who he cares for. Bring your fears to God and ask him for the peace he blesses us with.

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hast life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
gladly for aye we adore him.
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gladly for aye we adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander

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10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing your praise unending:

Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Chorus

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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PRAYERS OF PETITION

Since God is sovereign and pleased to work through the prayers of his people, let's bring our requests to him.

- Continue to pray for countries affected by Tropical Cyclone Harold and for the areas of the US affected by tornadoes. Pray that their plight and needs would be met and not overlooked because of COVID-19.
- Pressure has a way of squeezing ugliness out of us, and it seems that tensions are forming on the world stage regarding the response (or lack of response) to COVID-19. Pray for authorities overseeing the World Health Organisation, national governments, political ministers of health and families, and others. Ask God to use this time to make it clear to many that it's the saving rule of his Son we ultimately need.
- Continue thanking God for his kindness to Australia with such low death rates. Pray for Aussie teachers, school principals, and TA's, and so pray for Dean, Rynel, René, and Callula whose work is in this field of education. Pray they would remain healthy and that they would know God's wisdom as they live out the peace of Christ to the students and colleagues around them. Pray too for their boldness to tell others the gospel from where their peace comes.
- Pray for a great harvest of souls as we each boldly and faithfully tell the good news of God's salvation for a clearly broken world.
- While these times have stretched many seasoned church pastors, think of the sadness new, young pastors are feeling at this time. So please pray for some dear friends like Jayesh Naran at Ithaca Pres, and Josh Rowe at St John's on Geddes Toowoomba, and other young pastors you know of. Along with them, keep praying for Ben and I too please.

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:2-9

LISTEN TO THE SERMON

PRAY IN RESPONSE

After hearing God's word to us, you might like to respond in prayer to him in the following ways:

- Give thanks to God for the peace he gives us in Christ, his Son.
- Pray that our church would continue to live in peace with one another as we share together in the mind of Christ. Confess any hostility or anger you feel against your brothers and sisters and seek reconciliation with them this Lord's day.
- Share with one another any fears or anxieties that are plaguing you. Bring them to the Lord together and ask him for the peace he promises us; the peace that transcends all understanding.
- If you have been taking comfort and peace in the things of this world and not in Christ, confess it to the Lord and ask him for the forgiveness he so graciously gives us.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Horatia Spafford
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THE MESSAGE OF PHILIPPIANS

You may like to watch this recorded conversation between Ben (who preached through Philippians last year) and Luke, as they discuss God's word to us in the entire letter of Philippians. This might be something you'd like to save for Sunday evening in your homes. It could be something you watch and discuss with others via technology too. If nothing else, we hope it's just one more way for us to have God's words of life empowering us to live for him while we can't gather together.

You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/nBSoNCRIkCk>, or you can go to the church's website and find a link to it there, along with other resources we're making available at this time (<https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/>)

