

Living Water Fellowship

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3RD MAY 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Father You have loved us from before we were conceived, and your love has brought us into this day. Bless us in our time of worship, in the understanding of your word and in our living out your presence in the world. Through us draw others into the arms of your love, so the whole world begins to sing your praises. Prepare us in this time of withdrawal from public spaces, for the great gathering of your harvest that you will bring to our city...Through Jesus Christ...Amen

BIBLE READING: Mark 16:1-8

SONG: Hear Our Praises

[Verse 1]

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn to pray

[Chorus]

From the mountains to the valleys
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

[Verse 2]

May Your light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er seas

[Chorus]

From the mountains to the valleys
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air **[Repeat Chorus]**

[Bridge]

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah **[Repeat Bridge]**

[Chorus]

From the mountains to the valleys
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air **[Repeat Chorus to end]**

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GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 2:1-12

FAITH CHAT:

1. If you could change one part of your life, what would you change?
2. When you think about the church at large, (not just the one you frequent)...What do you think is the church's greatest struggle, hurdle, obstacle...?

THE MESSAGE: MOVE TOGETHER: IN CHRIST

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

† _____, *child of God, you are a living stone in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SONG:

He Knows My Name

[Verse 1]

*I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands*

[Chorus]

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call*

[Verse 2]

*I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go*

[Chorus]

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call*

[Final Chorus]

*He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call
He hears me when I call
He hears me when I call*

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SHOW HIS LOVE

MARK 16:1-8

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.

Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

1 Peter 2:1-12

So get rid of all evil behaviour. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. As the Scriptures say,

"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,
chosen for great honour,
and anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced."

Yes, you who trust him recognize the honour God has given him. But for those who reject him,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone."

8 And,

"He is the stone that makes people
stumble, the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

"Once you had no identity as a people;
now you are God's people.
Once you received no mercy;
now you have received God's mercy."

Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbours. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honourable behaviour, and they will give honour to God when he judges the world.