

SUNDAY 31 MAY, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE - HOME

<p>Item 1</p>	<p><b>Call to worship.</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Brothers and Sisters in Christ to our virtual service today.</b></p> <p><b>Vale Jenny Fowler</b></p> <p><b>Before we begin I'd like to take a few moments to remember our sister Jenny Fowler who passed away on Wednesday May 27, 2020. "Miss Jenny" as she was always known to me has had a long period of illness and has been wheel chair bound as long as I can remember. Today Miss Jenny is free of her earthly shackles, her pain and suffering and resides in a place of peace and beauty with her dear Lord and Master the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm sure you join with me in remembering a lovely Godly woman and on your behalf I extend our deepest sympathy and love to her family and friends.</b></p> <p>Well it's about week 8 of our isolation and the news on the Covid 19 front seems to be as confused as ever. If you are like me you'll be erring on the side of caution and not getting too excited about rushing off to participate in groups of twenty no matter what the boffins tell us. We are for the moment still committed to conducting virtual services and yet I'm reminded that our Lord Jesus said "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them". One of the things that the current circumstances have reinforced for me is the value of intimacy in worship and the opportunity to draw close to God in a very personal way. So as we meet virtually as a group we also meet as individuals one to one with our Mighty God. So let's enjoy this time and draw close to the omnipotent creator of the universe and His precious son the Lord Jesus Christ and bring Him the praise, honour and honesty that is His due.</p> <p>To begin I'd like you join me in a time of prayer as we prepare to meet our God and king face to face in openness and honesty and love for all that He is.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Opening prayer</b></p> <p><b>Let us pray:</b></p> <p>Almighty God and King we come before Your throne of grace humbly and with reverence recognising You as Almighty God, king of the heavens, creator of all that we can see and that which we cannot; omnipotent ruler and Lord of all created things. We confess our sins to You, all of them, those we know and those we do not and seek Your forgiveness. Bless us we pray as we meet You this day and please lead our thoughts to You and help us to put aside all earthly distractions. We ask You to help us feel Your presence and to banish all sin from our hearts and minds so that we may experience You with hearts as clean and as pure as Your son the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask it in His precious name; AMEN.</p> <p><b>Now let's continue our worship with a great old song</b> which will help us focus our attention on the King of Heaven's Armies. Just pause the audio, click on the link below then sing along or read the words to "<b>Praise my soul the King of heaven</b>". Return to the audio when you've finished singing.</p> <p><b>1) Praise my soul</b></p>

	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c</a></p> <p>1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like thee his praise should sing. Praise Him, Praise Him Praise the everlasting King!</p> <p>2 Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress. Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him, Praise Him Glorious in his faithfulness!</p> <p>3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, Praise Him Widely as his mercy flows!</p> <p>4 Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise Him, Praise Him Praise with us the God of grace! Psalter Hymnal, (Gray)</p>
3	<p><b>Brothers and Sisters</b> as we go forward in our journey to uncertainty, an uncertainty that includes the fallout from the deadly Covid 19 virus and the uncertainty of a world riven by ill will and selfishness, we can take comfort from the fact that above all God is in control. No matter who governs or rules over us we can be certain that they occupy those positions of power with God’s consent. That consent is not an indication of God’s approval of them or their actions but rather the fact that they will do God’s will whether they know it or not. Our mighty God can and will use people for His glorious purpose and that, that purpose will be the best for those who love Him and His Son. So I urge you to face the future with quiet confidence; don’t worry about tomorrow no matter what befalls you because you are in His hands, the safest hands in our world.</p> <p>So let us joyfully sing the following two songs “<b>Mighty to Save</b>” and “<b>Worthy is the Lamb</b>”. Just remember to pause the audio, click on the links below then sing along or read the words”. When you’ve completed singing your praises then close the window and continue to the next link. After the end of the second song restart the audio or continue reading. If you don’t have an internet connection the words of each song are provided for you to read or to sing as you are able.</p>
4	<p><b>Worship in Song</b></p>

**2). Mighty to Save**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnXX8TbUX-E>

Well, everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
But let mercy fall on me  
Well everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King  
Jesus shine your light and let the whole world see  
Singing for the glory of the risen King

Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Saviour  
You can move the mountains  
God you are mighty to save

you are mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
You rose and conquered the grave  
Yes you conquered the grave  
You are mighty to save.

**3). Worthy is the lamb**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMsihDoX3uM>

Thank you for the cross, Lord  
Thank you for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came  
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know  
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb  
Seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious

High and lifted up  
Jesus Son of God  
The Darling of Heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord (thank you)  
Thank you for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came  
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord  
Thank you for the nail pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
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	<p>The Darling of Heaven crucified Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p><b>I just love the words to these two expressions of our love and respect for our Heavenly Father.</b> I'd now like you to go to our reading for today and it's the one chosen by Rob for his sermon. Rob's message for today is on The death of Lazarus so I'd like you to refer to John 11 verses 1-16 which addresses that topic and I'll be reading from the NIV, - John 11 verses 1-16.</p> <p>You may like to read along with me or just listen as I read it.</p> <p><b>John 11 verses 1-16 The death of Lazarus</b></p> <p>1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."</p> <p>4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."</p> <p>8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"</p> <p>9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. 10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."</p> <p>11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."</p> <p>12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.</p> <p>14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."</p> <p>16 Then Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."</p> <p>And may our Heavenly Father bless with understanding that reading of His word.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Missions</b></p> <p>As we approach our prayer time I'd like you to watch a short clip provided by Denise. Just follow the usual instructions and click on the link; then come back to the audio. Thanks Denise.</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=68&amp;v=gEzHg6h4xro&amp;feature=emb_logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=68&amp;v=gEzHg6h4xro&amp;feature=emb_logo</a></p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Prayer Time</b></p> <p><b>Now Brothers and Sisters I would like you to join me in a time of prayer.</b> I'll lead and conclude but in between I'd like you to pray for those things that our Heavenly Father places on your hearts and take all the time you need.</p> <p>Let us begin:</p> <p>Great and mighty Heavenly Father we come to you at a time of great turmoil in our land seeking Your face and to ask Your direction. It's a time of despair for many people and there are those who are suffering emotionally, spiritually and physically both within and outside our church. We pray for each of these Your children and ask You to watch over and protect them in Jesus name. We know that Your heart bleeds for all those who have gone astray because they have never heard of You but we also know that Your wrath will be turned on all those who reject You and Your gift of salvation through Your Son the Lord Jesus Christ. So we pray for all those who are lost through no fault of their own, or are persecuted because they do know You and worship You. Be with each of these ones Heavenly Father and strengthen us for the work we must do to try to save those who are not yet our brothers and sisters in the faith. In Jesus precious name. AMEN</p> <p><b>Please pause the audio to include your prayers at this point and I will give you time to do so.</b> Your prayers may like to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our sister Jenny for her life and service to God and our church.</li> <li>• Thankfulness for God's provision in our lives.</li> <li>• Our country, it's Prime Minister and Government</li> <li>• All those who have authority over us.</li> <li>• Family members including our church family</li> <li>• The sick and suffering.</li> </ul> <p><b>I will now conclude this prayer time with this prayer.</b> Heavenly Father God thank You for listening to and hearing our prayers. Thank You for Your watchfulness and care of us as we run the race set out before us. Thank you for Your response to our prayers and Your comfort when things are not going well and in times of tragedy. Thank You for loving us when we are not loveable, being patient with us and for forgiving us our sins in Jesus name. We commend to You Your servant Jenny and praise and thank You for the blessing she has been to us. We rejoice that she is with You and our Lord Jesus and that her suffering has come to an end. In Jesus mighty name, AMEN</p> <p>Now let us join together in singing or reading the following two worship songs, "<b>Your grace is enough</b>" and "<b>Shout to the Lord</b>". If you are on the internet remember to close each window before proceeding and returning to the audio.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Worship in Song</b></p> <p><b>4) Your grace is enough</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISbMRp0Y64">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISbMRp0Y64</a></p>

Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So, remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

So, remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me

God I sing your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me

**5) Shout to the Lord**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gn5CMSSAx\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gn5CMSSAx_c)

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise

	<p>The wonders of Your mighty love</p> <p>My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You</p> <p>Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name</p> <p>I sing for joy at the work of Your hand Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You</p> <p>My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love</p> <p>My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You</p> <p>Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name</p> <p>I sing for joy at the work of Your hand Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You</p> <p>Oh shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name</p> <p>I sing for joy at the work of Your hand Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You.</p>
9	<p><b>Offering</b></p> <p><b>Just a gentle reminder that the church still needs your financial support so please if you have an internet connection go to your bank's website and make a deposit to the Darlington United Church account. BSB 704922 Account 100012193 (The old account name is still in use). Or carry out your usual arrangements.</b></p>

10	<p><b>Message</b></p> <p><b>And now Brothers and Sisters it's time for our message so I'll introduce Rob who's sermon is printed below or can be listened to on the DCF website at <a href="http://www.darlingtonunitedchurch.com.au/sermons/">http://www.darlingtonunitedchurch.com.au/sermons/</a></b></p>
11	<p>But before I do I'd like to ask that at the conclusion of Rob's sermon I'd like you to join me in the saying of the Lord's Prayer and I've written this down below. So don't forget to come back to it.</p> <p>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.</p>
12	<p><b>Thank you for participating with me this morning</b> (or whenever you have the opportunity to do so) in this service. I wish you every blessing in Jesus name and I pray that almighty God will watch over you and bless you in the days and weeks to come. Goodbye and God Bless and please now go over to Rob's message.</p> <p><b>Alf Standen</b></p>