

Welcome

Good morning church! Welcome to this Sunday's service, I hope that we are all doing well. This isn't the easiest of times, but we can be grateful that we can all thrive through our Lord even through the hardest parts of life.

I am planning on making this a bit of a shorter service today, but we'll see how it goes!

Prayer

But before we get into the rest of the service, lets pray.

Lord, thank you for keeping us safe. Thank you for being here for us. Thank you for being the loving God that you are. Sometimes it can be hard for us, but we can trust in you always.

Songs

I have chosen two songs that I believe are encouraging and beautiful. These two songs both have a strong place in my heart and they always speak to me whenever I hear them. They remind us that we are not alone, that we always have God on our side and we don't have to be afraid. All we need to do is trust. Click on the link to get the music, I Cast my Mind to Calvary is a lyric video and Hills and Valleys is the official music video (so I have put the lyrics underneath here). I know we haven't heard the second song at church before, I don't intend on having you sing it unless you want to, but it is a more contemplative song.

Cast my mind to calvary (Hillsong Worship) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qh-7E8VW8M0>

Hills and Valleys (Tauren Wells) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4rRCjrAyCs>

Lyrics for "Hills and Valleys"

I've walked among the shadows
You wiped my tears away
And I've felt the pain of heartbreak
And I've seen the brighter days
And I've prayed prayers to heaven from my lowest place
And I have held the blessings
God, you give and take away

No matter what I have, Your grace is enough
No matter where I am, I'm standing in Your love

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the one who set me there
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the one who sees me there
When I'm standing on the mountain aft, didn't get there on my own
When I'm walking through the valley end, no I am not alone!
You're God of the hills and valleys!
Hills and Valleys!
God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone!

I've watched my dreams get broken
In you I hope again!
No matter what I know
Know I'm safe inside Your hand

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the one who set me there
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the one who sees me there
When I'm standing on the mountain aft, didn't get there on my own
When I'm walking through the valley end, no I am not alone!
You're God of the hills and valleys!
Hills and Valleys!
God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone!

Father, you give and take away
Every joy and every pain
Through it all you will remain
Over it all!

Father, you give and take away
Every joy and every pain
Through it all you will remain
Over it all!

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the one who set me there (to the one who set me there)
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the one who sees me there
When I'm standing on the mountain aft, didn't get there on my own
When I'm walking through the valley end, no I am not alone!
You're God of the hills and valleys!
Hills and Valleys!
God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone!
You're God of the hills and valleys!
Hills and Valleys!
God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone!

And I will choose to say "Blessed be Your name, yeah, yeah"

And I am not alone

Reminders

Please remember to keep in contact with as many people as you can, to pray for the church and for all the people surrounding you.

Prayer time

Now we will have corporate prayer time, I will pray for a couple of subjects, feel free to pause the audio and pray to yourself if I haven't given enough time to do so.

Lord, again we thank you for helping us keep strong. Give us strength to face another day, give us strength to help others through their hardships.

Lord, thank you for the government who has done a superb job protecting us from covid-19. Through you will, we have seen our government act unlike any other and protect the nation from this horrible pandemic to their best ability.

Lord, thank you for all the essential workers who are putting themselves on the front line to help battle the war with coronavirus. They have shown great courage and have helped so many people.

And Lord, thank you for our army. As we have just passed Anzac Day, we can remember those who fought to protect our country. We are ever so grateful for them, because without them Australia wouldn't be the same as it is now.

Amen.

Songs

Before we go into the sermon, I would like to give you two other songs to listen to. I have decided to include 2 versions of Because he Lives, the lyric version is what we are used to and the second one is a bit different. Don't feel obliged to listen to both now, however I found this studio version that only just released throughout the week and I really like it!

As the Deer Pants - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5pZkLWZv-E>

Because he Lives (lyrics) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M-zwE33zHA>

Because he Lives (studio version) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=La9Zy917JcQ>

Sermon

Please now click onto the sermon to hear it and thank you for listening today. I hope we all have a great week. Thank you, Peter, for joining us we all really appreciate it!