

On Line**1st Hymn – Hear I am to Worship**

Intro

This is the day the Lord has made. So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Let us pray, We fix our eyes on you Jesus, our Lord, our Saviour and King. Come fill our hearts with your endless love and send the wind of your Spirit to blow new hope through our lives. Protect us from the physical dangers of this earthly world, help us to combat the infectious and deadly viruses particularly corona virus that has affected us so badly, not just here in Caversham Park but throughout the world, give people the courage to stand by you and look forward to a graceful future. Come light up our souls to rise in faith, to stretch out and take in your kingdom.

Come pour out your Spirit upon us as we stand together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Come lift up our heads, brush away the shadows of guilt and shine your grace into our minds.

And so, Lord, we arise to worship. We shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join with heaven to sing your praise. We will declare your goodness now and celebrate your greatness forevermore!
Amen.

When we confess it is always a call to experience God’s mercy. In admitting the truth of our loves to our loving God, we open ourselves to the experience of grace and healing. Trusting in that divine love, let us pray, first in silence.

We say together (A time of silence is kept as we remember those things we want to bring to God)

We are told that we are not alone, you are with us. You are as close as a prayer, close as our heart. Yet why do you feel so far away, God? Teach us to pray! For those among us who have not prayed this week; forgive us for not turning to you, for prioritizing many things, while missing what is essential. We have failed to find the comfort and wisdom you offered. For those among us who wanted to pray, but didn’t know how to pray this week: show us that we can long for you, even when there are no words.

For those among us who prayed, but prayed selfishly or for only our own benefit; enlarge our horizon to see your big picture, to see the needs of others and not just our own. For those among us who prayed, but felt that you were not listening, or did not answer the way we wanted; give us patience, and trust in your timing. For those among us who are not sure you are even there to pray to; may the prayers of our community lead us into your presence, drawing us into your love and deepest care. Hear the concerns of our hearts in this time of silence; We pray, confident that you hear us.

Amen.

2nd Reading - Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

2nd Hymn – Ancient Words

Sermon - The Bishop of Buckingham Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson

3rd Hymn – Above All

Let Us hold our hands in order to receive the grace of God as we say our commitment creed

**We are not what we do.
We are not what we have.
We are not what people say about us.
We are the beloved of God.
Here in Caversham Park.
It's who we are.
No one can take it from us.
As one united in the body of Christ.
We don't have to worry.
We don't have to hurry.
We can trust in our friend Jesus,
And share his love in the world,
with all of God's children.**

Amen.

Let us pray together with the following words (A prayer for all ages)

Great God: our congregation and wider community here in Caversham gathers in spirit through the marvels of technology to give thanks together.

**We come to you with many needs today. Hear our prayer for those who are affected with this virus... through their jobs, family loss and isolation, Lord we bring before you all the shop keepers and those who provide services to us, so that you know we care. Hear our prayer for the unemployed and business owners in this time of financial insecurity... help them survive this economic downturn. Hear our prayer for children who are preparing to go back to school... show them how to have fun and learn and not to be fearful of the virus, protect them Lord. Help us reach out to others, being the community we long to have. Thank you for showing us new ways to be the church, the church alive, vibrant and witnessing to the risen Christ in times like these.
Amen.**

4th Hymn – Lord I lift your Name on High

Prayers - Intercessions are offered.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us;

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now continue to help and protect each other, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us, wherever He may send us. May he guide us through the wilderness, protect us through the storm. May He bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

5th Hymn— Take My Hand, Precious Lord