

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Message by Pastor Nick

Sunday, May 3, 2020



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*We invite you to use this "order of service" today.*

*You might consider reading the texts and prayers aloud.*

*Words of songs might or sung, either acapella, or with the tracks that have been provided, by means of links. Simply click on the song titles.*

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### Call to Worship: Psalm 93

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.

The seas have lifted up, LORD,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the LORD on high is mighty.

Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house  
for endless days.

### Song: [I Know That My Redeemer Lives](#)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know eternal life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand.  
*I know, I know that Jesus liveth,*

*And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know, I know that life He giveth,  
That grace and power are in His hand.*

I know His promise never faileth,  
The word He speaks, it cannot die;  
Tho' cruel death my flesh assaileth,  
Yet I shall see Him by and by.

I know my mansion He prepareth,  
That where He is there I may be;  
Oh, wondrous thought, for me He careth,  
And He at last will come for me.

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
bring stillness to our hearts,  
empty our minds of other things  
and direct our thoughts to those who especially need our prayers.

When we reflect on how you have supported and cared for us in the past,  
we cannot fail to give you thanks.  
When we consider the way you give us courage and help for each new day,  
we are filled with a sense of gratitude and praise.  
When you lift us from the pit of doubt and despair,  
our whole being feels renewed and refreshed.  
What a comfort it is, to know the love and support you bring to us through your Son and by your Spirit.

In our joy, let us not forget those this morning  
who know little else but sadness.  
In our sense of gratitude and praise,  
let us not forget those whose lives are filled with regrets and  
heartbreaks.  
In our feeling of support and guidance,  
let us not forget those who feel they  
have struggled against life's difficulties and disappointments  
alone and uncared for.

In our desire to give You praise,  
do not blur our vision of the hardship in this life.  
The despair of the homeless in our inner cities.  
The feelings of guilt by parents who cannot feed their children.  
The worries and fears of those in hospital.  
The isolation of the lonely.  
The deep sense of loss to those in bereavement.

Heavenly Father,  
you are not only the God of this world,  
you are the ruler of your heavenly Kingdom.  
Strengthen us while we live out our life on this earth,  
to show the compassion and the caring of Jesus.  
Hold before us the reality of your Kingdom,  
where there is no suffering, pain or regret,  
so that we may share it with those who are without hope.  
For we ask all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- From the Church of Scotland

**Song:** [Build My Life](#)

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

**Text: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

**Mediation by Pastor Nick**

**Song: [I Want to Walk](#)**

I want to walk as a child of light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star in my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

I looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

**Benediction:**

*God go before you to lead you,  
God go behind you to protect you,  
God go beneath you to support you,  
God go beside you to befriend you.  
Do not be afraid.  
Amen.*

*- Written by John Claypool*