

GLEN PARK GOSPEL CHURCH ORDER OF SERVICE
6TH DECEMBER 2020 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

“THROUGH THE LORD’S MERCIES WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING: GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS”. Lamentations 3: 22 – 23

Welcome everyone to this morning’s service, and welcome to the first Sunday of Advent. The time when we can celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and thank and praise Him for coming into our lives to bring us Salvation. “The Lord has come so that we may have life More abundantly”. John 10:10
We are looking forward to being able to maybe, start meeting together at the church as early as next Sunday (13th December) that will a great time of Praise, Worship and Fellowship., And to see each other face to face, after so much time being apart.

Prayer:

Dear Lord we come before you this morning, humbled by the thought that maybe we can at last meet together face to face, if this is your will. Please give us patience and your direction In the days ahead. We thank you for your love, care and protection over each one of us over this time of being apart. We do pray for those who have been unwell and ask that you will strengthen and encourage them and enable them to heal and be restored to good health. Fill us with love, peace and joy we celebrate your birth in the next couple of weeks.
As we come before you to worship and praise your name this morning, We pray that you will speak to our hearts and that we will receive a blessing from yourself.
We bring this service to you now, thanking you for this opportunity to serve you.
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 135 “Praise the Lord”

Hymn. 73 (All Hymns are from the Blue book today.)

“Great is thy faithfulness” Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866
(Sorry, I know we had this one last time I lead, but it fits in so well.)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

“KEEP GOING”.

By Rosemary Green

Hebrews 11: 11 – 16

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. (NIV)

What should these verses mean to us? Everyone reading these notes is unique; no two situations are identical. For some, life is going smoothly and immediate problems are small. For others, life is discouraging and there are battles on many fronts: in marriage, in divorce, with children (young and adult) at work, in unemployment, with housing, in friendship, in health. But isn't the message the same now as then? God is bigger than all of these. He will stand by you. Time and again God promises, 'Don't be afraid, for I am with you' (Genesis 26: 24). He sustained the saints of old; He will sustain you now. Trust Him to take you forward into the future.

*Lord, thank you that we have the example of these Old Testament believers who trusted you. Please help me to keep going in faith, even when my situation doesn't change.
(Other verses included in this reading were Hebrews 11: 20 – 29)*

Haggai 2: 1 - 9

Hymn. 103

“Come, thou long expected Jesus” Charles Wesley. 1744 (Tune Hyfrydol)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every loving heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit. Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

General Prayer:

Please use this time to bring our own prayers to Him who loves us,
Praise and thanksgiving, our love for Him and our confession.
The government and those who are in charge and for the decisions they have to make.
Pray for those who are on the field, for those who have had to make challenging decisions,
About their futures, those who are on home assignment. Pray for our church family and their families also, Pray for those who are unwell now, put your strong hand of peace and healing on them at this time and for those who have been unwell, that you will continue to strengthen them,
Pray for our elderly, past members, also seek Gods hand of guidance for the future of our fellowship especially with regards to maintenance required on the building etc. Open our eyes to see the Lord and our ears to listen to what he has to tell us.

Message - Chris

Hymn 177

“Look Ye Saints” *Thomas Kelly, 1769 – 1855*

Look ye saints the sight is glorious, See the Man of sorrows now.
From the fight returned victorious! Every knee to Him shall bow;
Crown Him! Crown Him Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Saviour, angels crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of pow'r enthrone Him, While the vault of heaven rings;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Saviour King of Kings!

Sinners in derision crown Him! Mocking thus the Saviour's claim
Saints and angels throng around Him, Own His title, praise His Name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread abroad the victor's fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of Kings! Lord of Lords!

Benediction

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always in every way.
The Lord be with you all. Amen.

2Thessalonians 3: 16