

Zoom Service; 12/07/20

Welcome:

Welcome to our zoom service this morning

- Especially welcome to Clare (Ian and Rebecca) who are joining us from Scotland.
- Clare will be sharing with us later.
- Let's begin with a prayer

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for your faithfulness to us. For your love and mercy that seeks to bless and care for us in all circumstances.

Help us to trust you,

To find strength in you in hard times, comfort in sad times, and peace in troubled times.

Help us to still look to you when things go well to be grateful and content.

And in all circumstances to find joy in knowing you.

Thank you that all we need is found in Jesus who gave himself for us

Help us to look to him, to receive from him and live for him more and more each day

Walk with us and hold our hands

For you are our heavenly father and we love you

Amen

Reading: Psalm 40

I wanted to start with a psalm of trust

- David was feeling overwhelmed by circumstances
- He was anxious about the future
- Yet he reminded himself God was faithful and in control
- And he wrote these words.

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

⁹ *I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.*

¹⁰ *I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.*

¹¹ *Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.*

¹² *For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.*

¹³ *Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.*

¹⁴ *May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.*

¹⁵ *May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.*

¹⁶ *But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"*

¹⁷ *But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.*

Prayers:

Birthday prayers - Jenny H

This is 2nd Sunday of the month and our prayers should be focussed on the Book club and Social Events

- The book club has resumed by Zoom and we have a new member.
- We cannot enjoy social events for the moment
- But let's pray for all those struggling with isolation and feeling lonely.

Worship: YouTube clip (Neil)

Word: Clare

Closing Prayer and blessing:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever more. Amen