

# the God of Abraham praise

*Dear Friend*

*Such a time as this pandemic can bring together our thinking as never before and consider the issues of life. It is time to seek the Lord. The Lord may be drawing you to salvation in Jesus Christ. Hear the voice of God speaking to you in this good hymn. Believe in Jesus Christ and worship the God of Abraham.*

*Pastor*

*The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM!  
By earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
For ever blessed.*

*The God of Abraham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake –  
His wisdom, fame, and power –  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tower.*

*The God of Abraham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my happy days  
In all my ways.  
He is my faithful Friend,  
He is my gracious God;  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.*

*He by Himself hath sworn,  
I on His oath depend:  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
To heaven ascend;  
I shall behold His face,  
I shall His power adore,  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
For evermore.*

*There dwells the Lord our King,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace;  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in light  
For ever reigns.*

*The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!  
I join the heavenly lays;  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.*

## welcome

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**Dear Friend** - Welcome to Tabernacle Cardiff. We trust you will feel at home with us and be blessed in the worship of the Lord and as you hear the message of the saving gospel.

'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved'  
Acts 16v31

## meetings cancelled

Please note that all meetings are cancelled because of the health crisis. We will continue with a live video provision on Wednesdays and Sundays.

## this week .. live video

**10.30am & 4.30pm Sunday**  
live video only - Dewi Higham  
**3.30pm Sunday**  
live video only - Alun Higham  
(Welsh meeting)

**7.30pm Wednesday**  
live video only - Dewi Higham  
**8.15pm & 8.30pm Wednesday**  
live video only - Alun Higham  
(Welsh meetings)

## stay in touch

We will be making efforts to keep in touch with you over these weeks through phone, messages and video calls.

We are planning to create online times of fellowship and prayer through google chat or some other application. We are also looking into the possibility of an online Sunday School

If you have not heard from us and would like to keep in touch please message the pastor, any of the church officers, or anyone in the church.

We are mindful of you all and pray for his grace

## morning

opening prayer  
readings: various benedictions  
announcements & children story  
main prayer  
sermon: revelation 1v5-6  
closing prayer



## ‘gospel benedictions’

**Rev 1:5** Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Rev 1:6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- The benedictions (prayerful desire for God’s blessing) have a special warmth
- They also touch upon many great themes

## benediction

### comfort

- So many of the benedictions touch the heart
- Just like a parent may embrace a child as he or she leaves the house so the benedictions are an embrace to our hearts
- We see many comforting words, such as grace, peace and love

## benediction

### gospel

- The cause of this comfort is the gospel of Jesus Christ
- This comfort is based on the strength of the Triune God
- The language of the gospel and of sins forgiven runs through the benedictions

## benediction

### glory

- And finally the great heights of the glory of God are seen in the benediction. Here we see a sense of praise and worship.
- My dear friend, come to the Prince of Peace

## evening

opening prayer  
readings: habakkuk 3  
announcements  
main prayer  
sermon: habakkuk 3v17-19  
closing prayer



## ‘gospel heights’

**Hab 3:17** Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

**Hab 3:18** Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

**Hab 3:19** The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

- How to rejoice in a day of trouble.

- It is as if he was saying ‘although the worst might happen we will rejoice’

## the low point

- Habakkuk trembles at his own prophecies against Judah
- He goes on to describe a period of harvest failure
- This failure in the economy of the land may be because of the invading army’s destructive powers or because of neglect
- The failure of the figs, vines and olives are also symbolic. They usually speak of peace, prosperity and shelter. The failure of the harvest speaks of the loss of God’s favour
- The same is seen with the harvest fields, the flocks and the herds

## the high point

- The word “yet” introduces the surprising rejoicing of the godly man in a day of trouble.
- This is not a foolish positive spirit. This is a joy based on the truth of God. Based on the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and the strength of God
- It even speaks of the godly man being like the surefooted hind (female deer) and rising to the heights. So the godly man can know great heights in times of trouble