



Virtual Service 15 May 2022

Welcome!

(Larry Robbins)

May you be richly blessed by the words, videos and readings in this virtual service today.

Call to Worship Psalm 57:1–11

(Jo Lima)

¹ *Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.*

*I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.*

² *I cry out to God Most High,
to God, who vindicates me.*

³ *He sends from heaven and saves me,
rebuking those who hotly pursue me—
God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.*

⁴ *I am in the midst of lions;
I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts—
men whose teeth are spears and arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.*

⁵ *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.*

⁶ *They spread a net for my feet—
I was bowed down in distress.
They dug a pit in my path—
but they have fallen into it themselves.*

⁷ *My heart, O God, is steadfast,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.*

⁸ *Awake, my soul!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.*

⁹ *I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;*

I will sing of you among the peoples.

¹⁰ *For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;*

your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

¹¹ *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;*

let your glory be over all the earth.

All Hail The Power

There Is a Redeemer

Prayer

(Katarina Miskovic)

Heavenly Father, as we gather today, we ask you to be with us and bless each one of us. Let's your Spirit guide us in love and peace.

Thank You that Your compassion is renewed every day.

You are a merciful God, faithful to your children, always abounding in wisdom and steadfast love.

Lord we thank you for your help with our Missions programme. We thank to those who already contributed financially. Help us to live and give in a way that brings honour to Your holy name.

Father we ask you to bless our tithes and offerings today.

Multiply them Lord for your kingdom's growth. Help us to establish Your authority and Your will on earth through our prayers and giving.

Last Sunday our sister, Nelli, passed away. We will miss her, but we rejoice that she is in your presence now. Please give comfort to her family as they grieve over their loss.

Lord we pray for those who are unwell and need your healing presence: Pat J, Rob B, Dave P, Jim C. We bring before you our family members who are unwell and ask you – Lord show mercy to them.

We thank you that Jim's surgery on Monday went well. We ask for your healing and protection through recovery. Bless him and his family.

We come to you, the Author and Finisher of our faith, and we confess our struggle with fear, doubt, and worry. Lord, examine our hearts and help us recognize our anxious thoughts so we might surrender them to you.

We pray for our leaders and world governments to lead wisely and justly. You commanded us to love one another, and we pray for unity and love in our church. Father, save us from becoming self-centred and uncaring. Help us share the love of Jesus by our lips and by our lives.

*Strengthen us and guard our going out and our coming in.
From this time and forever.*

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Yet Not I But Through Christ

Bible Reading

Colossians 1:24–2:5

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

^{2:1} I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Sermon

“Paul’s Labour for the Church”

(Brian Lima)

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(Jo Lima)

[Blessed Be Your Name](#)

Benediction

(Brian Lima)

(May we be) convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39