

Worship Together with VPBC 25th April 2021

Welcome everyone! Our speaker today is Mark Hutchings from Bethnal Green Mission Church. The Bible passage we'll be looking at is Luke Ch 7:36-50, and Mark will be talking about 'conflict'.

Pauline leads our Prayers for the World.

Thanks as always to everybody involved in today's service.

Liz

My prayer is that our worship together will bring joy to GOD, that we would hear what He says to us and take in what He is teaching us. And I pray that the whole of our life would be worship that honours Him. Amen

We read in Psalm 66

'Come and listen all who honour GOD,

And I will tell you all that He has done for me.

I cried to Him for help

I praised Him with songs.'

Let's praise Him as we sing the song 'Glory to God' by Sam Hargreaves.

[Glory to God \(Peruvian Worship Song\) - YouTube](#)

Here is the whole of Psalm 66 on a power point by Richard Lyall.

[**PSALM 66 POWER POINT**](#)

The writer says in verses 18 and 19: "If I had cherished sin in my heart the Lord would not have listened. But God has surely listened and has heard my prayer."

Let's spend a moment to bring to God the things that we need to say sorry for and receive God's grace and forgiveness.

Grace takes my sin, calls me friend, pays my debt completely!

[Here Is Love \(Grace takes my sin\) - Phatfish - YouTube](#)

The passage in Luke chapter 7 that we'll be looking at later tells what happens when a woman came to Jesus while he was at dinner in the home of a pharisee called Simon. We don't know her name or the details of her story, but she showed her love for Jesus by her actions and by bringing a gift that was very precious.

God welcomes us into His presence as we come to Him through Jesus Christ

[Noel Richards - To Be In Your Presence - Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

Lord, may the whole of our lives bring You joy as we worship You

[I Give You All The Honour - YouTube](#)

Paul writes in a letter to the Galatian Church '...so that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave His life for me.'

And what a wonderful life we can experience in Jesus!

But we know that life is not always easy and doesn't always feel wonderful. I'm looking forward to hearing Mark's talk about conflict, just one of the challenges all of us come across at some time in our

lives. How do we deal with conflict, with disappointment, tragedy, or loss? There is usually no easy way through these difficulties, but we have the gift of prayer and a loving Father who knows our needs before we even ask Him.

What a Friend we have in Jesus

[What a Friend we have in Jesus with lyrics | new version - YouTube](#)

God's love will never fail us

[There's a love that seeks us by Judy Gresham - Resound Worship](#)

Pauline leads our Prayer for the World

Report from News Indian

The Covid-19 situation in India continues to remain grim.

Coronavirus Highlights April 23: India on Friday reported 3,32,730 fresh Covid-19 new cases in the last 24 hours, the highest single-day tally any

country reported ever since the pandemic began last year. Meanwhile, 2,263 more people succumbed to the infection, taking the nationwide toll to 1,86,920, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Friday morning. With fresh Covid-19 cases, the country's active caseload stands at 24,28,616, while total recoveries has increased to 1,36,48,159. Amid this massive surge in Covid-19 cases across India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a series of meetings on Friday over the coronavirus situation in the country. With rising cases, the second wave of the pandemic has raised new fears about the crumbling health services as several states struggle with a shortage of oxygen and ICU beds. Taking note of the Covid-19 crisis, the Supreme Court on Thursday noted that India is currently facing a national emergency-like situation and asked the Centre to submit its plan on Covid preparedness, including the details of the nationwide vaccination drive plan.

Covid-19 vaccine update: US-based pharmaceutical company Pfizer has offered to supply its Covid-19 vaccine to the Indian government at a 'not-for-profit' rate, a company spokesperson said on Thursday. Besides, several private hospital chains are currently engaged in preliminary discussions to chalk out a road map for making foreign-manufactured Covid-19 vaccine, such as those of Pfizer and Moderna,



available in India. Meanwhile, vaccine registrations for all those above 18 years will commence on April 28, said the Centre on Thursday. Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee questioned the Centre over its new vaccine policy and demanded universal pricing for Covid-19 vaccine across India.

Let's Pray

Heavenly Father we place into your hands the people of India with current pandemic situation. Comfort those who are mourning their lost of love ones.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and all medical and health care workers who are on the frontlines of the battle against covid-19. Cover them with divine protection and give them the double portion of your strength as they care for the sick thereby exposing themselves to the virus and risking their health and the health of their families.

Lord praying for the richer nations to send the oxygen that India need now.

Praying the British Government will send the Oxygen they have promised.

Pray for Prime Minister Modi in leading the country through this critical time with the rising infection, his leadership will be fair and just for the people.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve the sick people in India especially those who suffering from coronavirus, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Let's pray using this version of The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

TALK

Here is the link to Mark's talk from Luke chapter 7. The reading is included in the video.

[25042021 Talk - Conflict by Mark Hutchings - YouTube](#)

We thank God for His Word, and for the grace that He gives us to follow Him on the journey that is life.

And we believe that God invites everyone to know Him as Saviour, and Friend and Lord.

As we go out into the world, (even though this now has to be socially distanced of course), may we share the love of God and be ambassadors for Christ. May we share the Gospel, being and telling the Good News in our community.

[Vagabonds - YouTube](#)

by Stuart Townend

God bless each one of us in the week ahead and help us be a blessing to all we meet.

Amen