



LOCKDOWN AND FORWARD

Today the service is produced by some of the stewards of the church. Our theme is about Covid 19 and afterwards. We have had months of uncertainty and separated from loved ones. The service is available as a whole video here:
<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/covid-and-forward>

1 → OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,
to you alone belong glory, honour and praise.
We join with the hosts of heaven as we worship.
You alone are worthy of adoration from every mouth,
and every tongue shall sing your power;
you save the human race in your mercy,
and renew it through your grace.
To you, loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be all glory, honour and praise
now and for ever.
Amen.

3 → A VERY PERSONAL REFLECTION ON LOCKDOWN

Written and Read by Chris. The reflection is part of the main video and a text version is also available.

4 → REFLECTIONS ON LOCKDOWN AND BEYOND

Written and Read by Adrian. The reflection is part of the main video and a text version is also available.

5 → SECOND HYMN

Singing the Faith #548,
Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby)
Chosen by Dinnie

I Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,

2 → OPENING HYMN

Songs of Fellowship #728, Author Unknown
Chosen by Karmen

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of the day.

visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest —
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

6 → ISAIAH 43: 1-5

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

develop a vaccine and remedies
for coronavirus: grant them
wisdom, understanding and
effectiveness in their endeavours.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for traders and
employees who are fearful of the
future, that businesses may be
secured, jobs protected and
families supported.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those facing
financial hardship that you would
support and sustain them.

We remember also those who
seek to fulfil Christ's command to
love one another through the
work of foodbanks and charities
and through acts of simple
kindness.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in education at this
uncertain time: inspire those who
feel bored or directionless, protect
the vulnerable and give fresh hope
to the dismayed.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

With sadness, we remember those
who have lost their lives due to
the coronavirus. Give us thankful
hearts for the privilege of knowing
them and strengthen our faith in
your Son who died for us and rose
again in glory that we might share
in his victorious life.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who weep and
mourn, that they may find comfort
and hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

7 → PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's care for his
children, we pray in the name of
Christ and in the power of the
Holy Spirit.

We pray for those who are unwell
due to the coronavirus: in your
compassion, grant them strength
and healing.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who minister to
the sick throughout our health
service, that they may renew their
strength in you and be channels of
restoration and renewal for those
who suffer.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are anxious
about loved ones, friends and
neighbours: enable them to trust
in you and be steadfast in hope.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who feel
isolated or alone, that they may
experience your loving presence.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray that you would inspire
those who are strong to care for
the vulnerable and to serve them
in love.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for your Church who
longs to praise you throughout
this strange and confusing time;
through your creative Spirit fire
our imaginations to proclaim your
unchanging love in new ways.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in authority who
face difficult decisions that affect
the lives of many; grant them
wisdom and courage.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all engaged in
research, who are seeking to

8 → LOCKDOWN TESTIMONY

By Constance. The reflection is part of the main video. Unfortunately no text version is available

9 → LOCKDOWN TESTIMONY

By Karmen. The reflection is part of the main video. Unfortunately no text version is available

9 → CLOSING HYMN

Singing the Faith #440, John Newton
Chosen by Adrian

Amazing grace — how sweet the sound — that
saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 God's grace has taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

10 → GRACE

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with kindness
and give you peace.
Amen.

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