

A NEW HOPE RISES

13th September

HYMN IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of love and grace beyond our telling,
we bring our thankful hearts to you,
acknowledging that without you we are nothing
and with you we can be so much more...

**A new day dawns, a new hope rises,
Guide us and lead us on the way**

We are thankful that you care for us,
and love us beyond measure;
that you have endless patience with us;
that you teach us time and time again
what it is to be committed to you and your way...

**A new day dawns, a new hope rises,
Guide us and lead us on the way**

thankful that you reveal yourself to us in myriad ways,
to inspire us and evoke within us a heartfelt response...

**A new day dawns, a new hope rises,
Guide us and lead us on the way**

thankful that while all this is for everyone who will come to
you and accept you,
it is for me – for me! – and may I know it deep within.
With overflowing hearts, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Forgiving God,
more willing to forgive than often we are to confess,
help us to see our failings,
to see where we fall short,
to see where we deceive ourselves,
where we close our eyes and ears
to the ripples of our wrongdoing.
May we breathe in the reality of our actions,
the need to change, the depth of our unworthiness.
We come before you, seeking forgiveness. (keep silence)
Now let us breathe in the power of your forgiveness,
and breathe out the need to live and love
in the shadow of your forgiveness of us,
that we may forgive as you have forgiven us.
Amen.

JOHN 21:3-13

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' 6 He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards[a] off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

ACTS 2:43-47

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds[a] to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they

spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home[b] and ate their food with glad and generous[c] hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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Rajie leads our sermon this week.
A text version is available here:

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/a-new-hope-rises>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for all those who are struggling at this time because of illness or loss of their loved ones, those who feel alone, depressed, anxious or afraid for the future; may God grant us all the inner peace that comes from knowing that he never abandons any of us and loves us all, always.

We pray for a world torn apart by conflict and war. A world that lives uneasily in a climate of fear with no clear vision for future days.

Heavenly Father, you are our source of hope

We pray for a world that thinks less of others than of self. A world where division between nations, race, religion neighbour and family leads to distrust

Heavenly Father, you are our source of peace

We pray for a world that is short on happiness, too busy to enjoy this world you have created, too preoccupied with living to appreciate life.

Heavenly Father, you are our source of joy

We pray for the Church: that it may be a beacon of hope to all who are hungry. May we listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor so that all Creation may be protected and cared for, rather than degraded or damaged.

**Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer.
Amen.**

HYMN THERE IS A HOPE

BLESSING

Into a world of noise and confusion;
into a world that bewilders and even bemuses us at times;
into a world of delight and regret;
into a world of hope and fear;
into a world that is ever changing,
we go with the message of an unchanging God
who gave his all that we might live life to the best of our
ability.
God of all, go with us and within us,
this and every day.
Amen.

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