

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HOME

14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

*We worship distanced yet together  
Apart yet joined by God's Spirit*

**During this service we will visualize  
ourselves in Holy Communion together**

### LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Lord God, thank you that you are here with us.  
Make us aware of your presence with us all  
Speak to us through this worship that we might  
know You better.  
Fill us again with Your Holy Spirit that we would  
live for through and for You. Amen,

**AS THE DEER** pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

### Readings

**Luke 10 vs 38-42** As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord said "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one: Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**John 15 vs 5** "I am the true vine"

I am the vine are you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much

fruit, apart from me you can do nothing.

**1 Corinthians 12 vs 27** -

"You are the body of Christ"

**Reflection** This lockdown time is bringing different responses from people - some are enjoying space and quiet, others' lives have changed very little, and some are finding it very difficult. Families are facing particularly stressful and tense circumstances at homes - yet with nowhere to run to.

We often speak of the church as "the body of Christ". When Paul used this term in his letter it was because he was dealing with people falling out with each other, and forgetting what held them together. He told them that it is Christ who joins you.

Yet "**The body**" is only one way of describing the Church. Jesus, in the reading from John's Gospel, doesn't call us a Body but branches of "**a Vine**". This brings a whole different series of ideas.

As a **body**, different parts do different things, each has its own job.

As a **Vine**, all the parts are doing the same things.

A **body** is expected to 'do',

A **Vine** is expected to 'be' and to 'grow'.

'**Bodies**' go to places witnessing in word & deed.

'**Vines**' just are.

When we reflect on the story of Mary and Martha, we could almost say that **bodies** are like Martha - very often busy doing this and that, and **Vines** are like Mary, just being, listening, contemplating and learning.

Anyone who knows me will have realised that my nature tends towards the Martha. In Ministry alongside you, I enjoy doing, helping, talking, organising, supporting etc.

Although the Virus restrictions seems to have taken away so much for some, I have to say that during this time I've have found the joy of being a 'Mary'. There is now **time**, for unrushed prayer, to reflect at the end of the day, to listen to worship songs, to walk slowly then stop look and reflect, to appreciate all we have & those whose lives we share, to prepare for Sundays.

At this time we are all doing the same thing. All called together for this season to be branches on 'a vine'. We need to give ourselves time just 'to be', with time 'to grow' in Christ. Vines do bear fruit in season, and I really believe that we all have potential to bear fruit by sow seeds of love, and we will one day see the harvest of those seeds.

A PRAYER - Thank you Jesus for your words teaching us that the way of Mary can be the better way. Give us patience, trust and hope. AMEN

**AND WE PRAY** In these prayers we remember the overseas outreach in our churches.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time in your presence. We pray for our brothers and sisters in other churches of Arreton, Bembridge, Brading, Lake and Sandown, and for those worshipping with these sheets across the UK and in other countries of the world. Joined as one.

We pray for the church overseas mission. In Gatete in Uganda, for mutual prayers and support. We pray for the work and people involved in Chrysalis Uganda in Kampala. We pray for the witness and work of Youth with a mission (YWAM). Praying for Mission Direct, especially the work carried out in Brazil. Praying for Africa Inland Mission and the Pugh family.

We remember in prayer all your children worldwide, "give them their daily bread" - whatever they need at this time.

We pray for peace... reconciliation... wisdom.. compassion.... justice.....

Lord we pray in silence for those whose names you have placed in our own hearts and minds. Receive these our prayers, in Jesus name. AMEN

**THE LORD'S PRAYER....** Our Father.....

And now, in our minds, we will visualize a time of **HOLY COMMUNION**. We use the words below - taking time to pause & think

**We sing or saying-** (each line 3 times....)

1. Be still and know that I am God,
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee
3. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust



*We sit for a moment, thinking of each other.....  
We remember the last supper .. picturing Jesus sitting with his disciples round a table.....*

*We watch Jesus stands, and pick up **the bread**....  
He looks at us and we hear Him says*

***'this is my Body, broken for you...'***

*We hold out our empty hands.....*

*We picture Jesus placing bread onto them.....*

*We then pause as Jesus places the bread in the hands of our brothers and sisters.....*

*We raise our hands to our mouth and breathe in the gift of love Jesus is giving - we are part of the broken, worshipping, praying, body of Christ.....*

*We watch now as Jesus raises **the cup of wine**....  
Jesus stands in front of us, and offers this to us....  
We imagine taking the cup and holding it in our hands and we breathe in the words Jesus says....*

***"you are a child of God, forgiven & free, yet part of the suffering world. The gift of heaven on earth, & heaven beyond earth, is yours."***

*We breathe in the wonderful gifts of God....  
Thank you God of Heaven and earth. Amen*



**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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**OUR OFFERING** - Lord God, all we have comes from you, we offer and lay aside our gifts, in love and trust. AMEN

**THE BLESSING** of God... Spirit, Son and Father, be with us all AMEN

*You may like to pass this sheet on to another, or use them as your prayers during the coming week.*