

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HOME**

**28<sup>TH</sup> June 2020 at 10.30**

Please spend this time worshipping God, mindful of others doing the same in their own homes.

### **Opening Prayer**

Most powerful, loving, and merciful God  
We pause now to be still, breathing slowly,  
And re-centring our scattered senses  
on Your presence God.....

### **And we sing....**

#### **LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

You have come to us,  
You are one with us, Mary's son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring Your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for You we sing, Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,  
Born as one of us, Mary's son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, We would come to You,  
Live our lives for You, Son of God.  
All Your commands we know are true,  
Your many gifts will make us new,  
Into our lives Your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

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### **Let's pray together**

Christ Jesus, everlasting God, we come to you now with grateful hearts. You created us and all things, you love us and bless us. Thank you Ever-loving God, you have placed us among other people, you have set us within different relationships, life is one of sharing. Thank you Ever-caring God, You bring wholeness into ever part of our lives, you care about all you have made, you care for us. Thank you Ever-listening God, hear our prayers for these and other things for which we are thankful. Thank you, everlasting, ever-loving, ever-caring, ever-listening God AMEN

#### **THE WORD**

**Psalm 3.5,6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

We will use the words of the following Him for our reflection this morning. Please read or sing it through....

### **THESE ARE THE DAYS OF ELIJAH,**

Declaring the word of the Lord:

And these are the days of Your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are a voice in the desert crying  
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant David,  
Rebuilding the temple of praise.  
These are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world,  
And we are the labourers in the vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord.

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### **REFLECTION**

This song was written by Robin Mark and this is the story of how it came about. In 1994 Robin was watching an end of year TV review, it had been the year of Rwandan Civil war which claimed the lives of one million people. I remember this year well as many of you will. Robin despaired about the state of the world and began to ask God if He were really in control and what sort of days these were. He says "I felt in my spirit that God replied to my prayer by saying that, indeed, He was very much in control and that the days we were living in were special times - they were Elijah days. Days where we need to be holy and just people like Moses. Right living is important in all our attitudes and doings. Robin went to church the next Sunday where the pastor spoke of the valley of dry bones and the Spirit breathing new life. He wrote this song in the church kitchen, between the first and second services of the morning. At the end of the morning worship he presented it to the worship band and they performed it that very day.

This is a time of 'great trial' for many. Some have been locked down & locked in for about 13 weeks. We feel the separation from our loved

ones. Some long to be independent and not have to rely on the kindness of others, and others realise they will be dependent on others for some time yet. We have days when we feel like crying out, when we feel sorry for ourselves - and we are allowed that. Elijah, Ezekiel, Moses, King David were no different from us, but what we see in the pattern of scripture is that positive breeds positive, optimism crushes pessimism, encouragement creates new life, a timely good word builds up, a light hearted spirit lifts the spirit of another. It doesn't mean we will 'feel' like this all of the time, but if with God's help we can communicate it when we speak to others on the phone, when we write, when we meet, then we are becoming part of the Kingdom work which Jesus illustrates. I'm sure Jesus had his down times, but it seems to me that when this happened He took himself off to pray. We are not perfect, we get it wrong, there are days when we can't help but feel fed up, but keep firing those arrow prayers to God, He's always listening, and always here to help with even our smallest needs. The fruits of the Spirit are .....

**Love, joy, peace, patience  
Kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
Gentleness & self-control**

We've got them all stored in us, sometimes we just need help opening the box. Let God be the Lord of every part of your life.

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PRAY**

**The Lord's prayer.....***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN*

### **Prayers of intercessions based on kum ba ya**

#### We sing the first verse - **Kum Ba Ya my Lord...**

PRAYER - Come by here, Lord, and listen to our prayers. Come into the lives of all who feel outsiders, rejected by society. Help everyone to feel equally loved, and help us love equally.

#### We sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse - **Someone's crying Lord...**

Someone's crying Lord, many are crying Lord. Depressed, angry, frustrated, lonely, in pain. Help them to feel your love surrounding them. Teach us how to comfort

#### We sing the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse - **Someone's praying Lord...**

Someone's praying, in anguish, despair, because they don't know where to turn, are frightened. Hear them, let them sense your closeness. Teach us how to befriend them.

#### We sing the 4<sup>th</sup> verse - **Someone's singing Lord...**

Lord, people are singing their hearts out with joy, hope, longing for freedom, celebrating a special time. Singing with the fruits of the Spirit. Help them to hear you singing with & through them. Teach us to do the same. AMEN

### **Our offering**

God of heaven and earth, all we have comes from you, our hope of all to come comes from you. We ask you to bless our gifts, laid aside and given. In Jesus name. AMEN

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,**  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**A blessing** - Let hope keep you joyful, in trouble stand firm, persist in prayer, love in all sincerity, hold fast to good. Grace, peace and mercy, follow you all the days of your lives. AMEN