

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HOME

16TH August at 10.30am

“United in His love”

A prayer to begin - Lord we bring to this worship our lives, our thoughts, our hopes and our fears.

We bring our plans, dreams and memories
Our time, gifts and skills

We bring our family, our friends and ourselves.

We offer you this time in worship. AMEN

Let's sing together.....

I GIVE YOU ALL THE HONOUR

And praise that's due Your name,
For You are the King of glory,
The Creator of all things.

*And I worship You, I give my life to You,
I fall down on my knees.*

*Yes, I worship You, I give my life to You,
I fall down on my knees.*

As Your Spirit moves upon me now
You meet my deepest need,
And I lift my hands up to Your throne,
Your mercy I've received.

You have broken chains that bound me,
You've set this captive free;
I will lift my voice to praise Your name
For all eternity.

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We Pray - Dear God, Energy and power of the universe, wherever we go You are there. You have given us eyes to see the signs of your handiwork. All around us are the fingerprints of your gifts. The hills, the oceans, an intricate flower, the caring touch of a friend, a smile, in the courage of those struggling, in the heartfelt friendship.

We thank you that in Jesus we see the human sign of your presence. Jesus was born as we are, and his life had all the limitations of time and space that ours does, he faced the same challenges and pressures and temptations.

We praise you for the power of your Holy Spirit, the energy and power you promise for all your people. Jesus life, and death and resurrection show us that love will always overcome evil. We are sorry for the times when we have not acted in love, not listened, not spoken kindly, ignored ... When we are really sorry we hear you say ... All that is past is gone, begin again, follow my way. Thank you Lord, we start again with you. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father who art....

AND WE SING TOGETHER

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND,

Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee, rise up and follow Thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love, interpreted by love.

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down, as fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace, the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm, o still small voice of calm!

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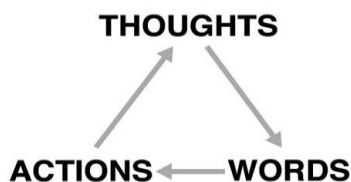
OUR OFFERING

We came into this world with nothing, we are blessed with so much, we offer now gifts of thanksgiving, laid aside and given, and ask you to bless them so others can be blessed. AMEN

OUR BIBLE READING Luke 17 28-31

The Parable of the Two Sons “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard “. ‘I will not,’ the son answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.



We reflect

I'm sure for us all there have been times when we've said we'll do something and changed our mind. I remember a few years back being asked to collect someone after they had been shopping, I said I'd be there no problem. The person waited and waited for me, but I'd got so engrossed in something else that I'd totally forgotten. It's a horrible feeling to let someone down and even when I think of it now I feel terrible.

Jesus himself was clearly saying here that doing is more important than saying, concerned that 'right action' rather than 'right saying or right thinking' is uppermost.

I remember when I was at school sitting in the Church of England for the half-term service. We were asked recite words of what is called 'the creed'. To be honest the words meant very little to me at the time, they spoke nothing about Jesus life - just that he was born and he died. There was nothing there about love, hope, forgiveness; there is no guide for our daily practical behaviour; just words to recite and then move on.

Humankind need to know a Jesus who is relevant for real life now, Jesus who we can practically imitate in action. We can't skip from his birth to his death because the part in between is all the doing, teaching, showing, social action, caring, loving, forgiving, healing. Most of us like a natter and evidently people speak, on average, 7,000 words a day. The words we use can become positive 'actions' because if we take care what we say they will convey love, forgiveness, healing, teaching etc. Let's choose our words wisely, thinking before we speak, listening before we advise, taking care before we comment and put actions into words.

AND WE SAY AS A PRAYER

May the words of my mouth,

and the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, Bless Your name Jesus
And the deeds of the day
And the truth in my ways
Speak of You, speak of You Jesus. AMEN

LET'S PRAY for people everywhere

We pray for the Church worldwide in every land that worship and service be heartfelt, and inform all of our lives.

We pray for the peoples of the world, the leaders of nations, that together we can work for justice and unity

We pray for those who are ill, lonely, bereaved. For those who care. That all in need will find comfort, peace and hope.

We remember all those who have moved to life eternal, thanking you for their love.

We pray in silence for our own needs.....

Receive these prayers Lord Jesus. AMEN

LET'S SING TOGETHER

May the mind of Christ our saviour

Live in me from day to day

By His love and power controlling
all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brace to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward Go

A BLESSING

Let us keep our minds fixed on Christ

Our heart on his ways, Our eyes on his purpose

Our ears on his voice And be filled with the

Spirit as people of God AMEN