

Sunday Worship at Home 2nd August

Welcome everyone, how good it is to spend this time worshipping God creator, Saviour, and Spirit

We pause to bring to mind our own church families, and others all over the world worshipping with us.....

Let's pray - Most wonderful, amazing, powerful, gracious, merciful, loving God

In the world & in the lives of all your children.

Beautiful Saviour, Jesus, giving us new life, new beginnings, new opportunities, to display your likeness through our own actions and words.

Powerful and divine Spirit, all that we need in pain and sadness, through challenge and opportunities, in our celebrations and joys.

We worship you here and now, and desire to worship you more and more in all the moments and days you gift us with. **AMEN**

The Lord's prayer Our Father.....

And now let's sing together -

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

Sing and praise your God and mine!

Great the Lord in love and wisdom,

Might and majesty divine!

He who framed the starry heavens

Knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, His people, praise Him!

Wounded souls His comfort know;

Those who fear Him find His mercies,

Peace for pain and joy for woe;

Humble hearts are high exalted,

Human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,

Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;

Spring to melt the snows of winter

Till the waters flow again;

Grass upon the mountain pastures,

Golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

Peace and plenty crown your days;

Love His laws, declare His judgements,

Walk in all His words and ways;

He the Lord and we His children –

Praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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Our offering - Lord we could never express how thankful we are for all you bless us with. We ask that you bless those laid aside and sent, so that others will receive your love, and your kingdom will grow. **AMEN**

Our Bible Readings -

Genesis 1 - Before the creation of the earth, the universe was a dark void with water being the only substance in existence. God's spirit moved upon the water's surface and He created the heavens and the Earth.

On the **first day**, God commanded light into existence. He saw that it was good and separated the light from the darkness so that morning and evening would be distinguishable from each other. He named the light day, and the darkness night.

On the **second day**, God separated the waters with a void which He called the sky. Water then existed below the sky and in the clouds above it.

On the **third day**, God gathered all the waters below into one place and called them "seas." The dry ground that appeared as a result He named "land." He then caused the land to produce vegetation including trees, bushes, and grass.

On the **fourth day**, God placed the moon, sun, and stars in the heavens. The lights would serve to mark holy times and the days in general.

On the **fifth day**, God created all the creatures that live in the water and the air. He commanded them to multiply and fill the Earth.

On the **sixth day**, God created all creatures that dwell on dry land including wild animals, creeping things and livestock. Afterwards He created humankind in His image, so that they might rule over all the animals of the earth. The Lord blessed them and told them to multiply across the lands. At the end of the sixth day, the Lord was pleased with what He had created.

A REFLECTION - This is the beautiful story of how the world we live in, enjoy - and sometimes abuse - came into being. This is not the story of one area of the universe, but the whole of the universe. Every stage of creation is reliant on the next, everything and everyone is provided for. We are all connected together through need, provision, pain, suffering, joy and love. At this particular time in history all 7.8 billion of the world's population, whether they realise it or not, are threatened and affected by the same virus. It's hard for most of us to see and contemplate this connectivity with our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world.

The other day I actually 'saw' this connection when

I received a photo of a sunset over Sydney from a dear friend in Australia. The written message below the photo said “a view of the sunset right now”. I looked out of my window and there was the sun rising from in the East over the Island. I stood and watched, with tears in my eyes as Gods’ Spirit stirred me and connected me with my brothers and sisters on the other side of the world. We are one together, one world, one people, united through the love of Christ. This moment had a deep spiritual impact on me. The tears flowed as I began to sing the verse of a hymn most of us will know which has now taken on a very personal meaning that I sing it. It’s verse 4 of the hymn below which we will now sing

The day thou gavest Lord has ended
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o’er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren ’neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth’s proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

**LET’S PRAY for our brothers and sisters
throughout the world**

Loving God, you love and care equally for
everything you have made.

We pray for this world family

For the 7.8 billion people living on the continents of
this world who breathe the air we breathe, and
watch the same sun rise and set.

We pray for those in the world who are suffering, in
different degrees, but in just as real a way
Lord increase our empathy and sympathy, increase
our devotion to pray

We pray for our own families near and far....

We remember in prayer those who live in war torn

areas of the world. For many of us it seems
unthinkable but for others it is devastatingly normal
We pray for world leadership at all different levels
and in different organizations and religious groups.

We thank you for the communication we are
blessed with.

We pray for those who are unloved, who live
without care or kind words.

Lord we are one world family, we pray for unity,
the breaking down of barriers, and for harmony.

Lord when we look at the sun, feel the breeze,
prompt us to remember our connection with your
children throughout your world.

In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

We’ll walk the land, with hearts on fire,
And every step will be a prayer.
Hope is rising, new day dawning,
Sound of singing fills the air.

Two thousand years, and still the flame
Is burning bright across the land.
Hearts are waiting, longing, aching,
For awakening once again.

*Let the flame burn brighter
In the heart of the darkness,
Turning night to glorious day.
Let the song grow louder
As our love grows stronger,
Let it shine, let it shine.*

We’ll walk for truth, speak out for love;
In Jesus’ name we shall be strong,
To lift the fallen, to save the children,
To fill the nation with Your song.



A blessing

May God bless you with a heart full of love
Hands open to give and receive
Ears to hear Him, and words to send His messages
Inward peace, and an outward display of joy.

AMEN