

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Let's pray together** - Loving God, today we gather in many different places, but all of one heart and mind, to give YOU glory, to praise YOU, to lift YOUR name high above everything and everyone else. AMEN

#### **LET'S RAISE OUR HEARTS TO GOD as we worship with this beautiful hymn.....**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

#### **We pause for a moment to picture our church families...**

Lord we join our hearts and minds together  
now and we pray ...  
We bring to mind places in your world where  
there is turmoil and disease, violence and fear.  
We bring to mind people we have heard about,  
or seen on TV who right now need your tender  
touch of Grace and the Blessing of your presence.  
We think of those who provide for us, shops and  
factory workers, lorry drivers, farmers and  
fishermen. We have all we need, help those who  
have so little.  
We remember with thanksgiving those who have  
brought us to faith, and we pray for those who  
are searching for hope and love.

We pray today for those who are worshipping in  
a church building for the first time. Be with us  
all admit the restrictions, help us all to sense  
your presence in the silence, stillness, and  
words. We thank you for extending our worship  
as we join with those who are worshipping in  
their own homes on their own, in their  
household, or in small groups.

Our hope is in you Lord, May we work to be  
channels of heaven on earth in this life and tell  
others of the promise of life eternal.  
Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand as provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.  
In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

#### **Let's say The Lord's prayer.....Our Father...**

**Our offering** Generous God, we came into this  
world with nothing, and we will take nothing  
when we leave. Accept these gifts laid aside  
now, and those given, so that your children will  
learn the that the most treasured gifts of those  
shown to us in Jesus, of faith, hope and love.  
AMEN

#### **OUR BIBLE READING FOR TODAY**

*Matthew 6 vs 6-13*

***When you pray go into your room, close the  
door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.  
Then your Father who sees what is done in  
secret will reward you. And when you pray, do  
not keep on babbling like pagans, for they  
think they will be heard because of their many  
words. Do not be like them, for your Father  
knows what you need before you ask him.***



REFLECTION - You may be familiar with the  
phrase... “you’re talking 90 to the dozen” Often  
when we panic, or we really want something to  
happen, we have a habit of talking very quickly  
and saying a lot of unnecessary words. I  
remember a time when I travelled back from  
Romford knowing one of my children was  
waiting the results of a biopsy.  
I prayed on all of the trains from Romford to  
Portsmouth Harbour. When I got off the last

train I was just about to pray again when I heard what I believe was the silent whisper of God saying "OK, I'VE HEARD YOU". It stopped me in my tracks, literally. Of course God heard me the first time, why would the Christ living in me not know all of my words and thoughts. Did I pray so much because I did trust enough, did I think I needed to remind God, or make sure God understood the situation.

Recent circumstances have found me in my office praying again (not that I don't other times but this was specifically). I said down at my desk and opened a draw and a piece of paper fell out which was stuck to the bottom of an old diary. The words from the paper are below, they really spoke to me and I hope if you are struggling at the moment God will speak to you through them. **The words are written as the Lord speaking-**

There will be times when you will not see the immediate way ahead. You may be filled with panic, wanting to avoid what could be a disastrous step. Remember that you do not always need to see the road ahead. It is sufficient, for the moment, to see **ME**

When the time is right for a choice to be made you will know and I will assist you through it. Until that time be sure that merely keeping close to **ME** guarantees your moving in the right direction, despite questions and doubts raging in your mind.

When you cannot see clearly the next step, there is a good reason for **ME** holding that from you. It becomes a time of trust....trust, very often, that I will simply cause **MY** way for you to happen. Do not feel the awful responsibility of choosing your path when that is not necessary for the moment. Just hide in **MYSELF** and know that you will soon see clearly. Until then, you are precisely where I want you to be.

## **IN COMMUNION**

JOINING TOGETHER, WHEREVER WE ARE, IN CHRIST



*We sit, pause and remember our church families.....*

*We picture Jesus at the last supper around the table with his disciples .....*

*We watch Jesus stand, and pick up **the bread**....  
He blesses it, looks at us and we hear Him say  
**'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**.....*

*He 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 for this Spiritual food and for this communion with Christ and with each other. Amen*

**JESUS SAYS - "YOU ARE MORE LOVED THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW"**

### **AND WE SING TOGETHER**

When I survey, the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count by loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorry and love flow mingled down  
Did e-er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of Nature mind,  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**A BLESSING** The blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all, with those we love, and those we pray for, now and forever more AMEN