

WORSHIP for 18th October 2020

"Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here"

PSALM 103 - Praise the Lord my soul; all
my inmost being, praise his holy name.

LET'S SING - with voices & hearts

O give thanks to the Lord,

All you His people.

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Let us praise, let us thank,

Let us celebrate and dance,

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

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**I INVITE YOU TO PRAY** using the key words

**"Praise, Seek, Worship, Trust and Thank"**  
as prompts for your prayers....



....we draw our own prayers together...

We praise You, God of all..

As we seek You, help us find You,

Finding You, we continue to worship

Through worship, we learn to trust You

And in trusting, we thank You. AMEN

**THE LORD'S PRAYER - OUR FATHER.....**

**OUR BIBLE READING**

**Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfish  
ambition or conceit, but in humility count  
others more significant than  
yourselves. Let each of you look not only  
to his own interests, but also to the interests  
of others."**

**REFLECTION** - On Sunday afternoon I spoke to my dear school friend Sara. We are Sisters in Christ together, a special relationship. Sara recalled their Christians Together service at the Parish Church that morning, also saying how blessed they were to have such lovely people in their village. She spoke of how Revd Neil Richardson, a previous President of the Methodist Conference, played the piano for the service. My heart warmed, why you may ask, because Neil is a wonderful preacher and teacher and would have led the service beautifully, but was equally content to play the piano and let another lead. Just because we are very skilled and capable in leading, preaching, teaching, managing, singing, organising, baking, crafting etc. it doesn't mean we always have to be the ones to do these things.

**"The person that is truly humble is the person who will count others more significant than themselves because they don't just look at their own interests but also to the interests of others"**

"do nothing out of selfish ambition, or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves". Phil 2:3

Day to day this may be about letting others go first, meeting a persons' need before our own, stepping back to let others step up, and also stepping up as others step back for us. You see we never fully know someone, especially if they are new to us. We have no idea what they are good at, find difficult, or are really bad at; we won't know all their struggles or talents; whether they are lacking in confidence, shy, or just cautious, Sometimes by stepping back and encouraging others to go forward we find hidden depths and talents which can be nurtured and used for the glory of God.

This is exactly what our Lord did. The greatest way Jesus taught humility was

when he knelt to wash the disciple's feet. Jesus was the humble, servant King. His ministry was often about stepping back then inspiring and encouraging others to step forward - to think for themselves, answer their own questions, catch fish, heal, provide bread and fish, walk on water, not through their power but by His. Jesus could have done it all himself, yet in humility he allowed them to, so they would grow in confidence and trust. Jesus asks us to do the same now.



### **LET'S SING WITH HEARTS OR VOICES**

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give Your life that we might live.

***This is our God, The Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.***

There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said. *Chorus*

Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice;  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered. *Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving. *Chorus*  
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**Let's pray together** - please take time to add your own names, places, situations..

Loving God,  
We pray that the world might know your grace.....  
We pray for wisdom for the leaders of the world that

powerful nations might respond with that self-giving generosity that you bring to the world.....

We pray for all those who respond to your love by making the first move to call an end to conflict. I pray for those caught up in conflict, those who flinch at the sound of explosives or gunshot.

We pray for those slowly returning to collective worship as some places of worship reopen and for those who continue to worship in their own homes and other places

We ask your blessing on those close to us that even in these distanced times that you would give us the opportunity to reflect that grace we have received from you.

We ask these prayers in the only way that we can; in the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OUR OFFERING** Lord we have so much, pleased accept & bless our whole selves, & our offerings of money, for your purposes. AMEN

### **AND WE SING**

**BE THOU MY VISION**, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

**A BLESSING** - May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul and settle in your soul through each day. May His presence shine upon and through you. May His Spirit be with you and all yours. AMEN