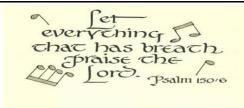
WORSHIP for 22nd November 2020



LET'S PRAYERFULLY SING...

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; Be still, for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. © David Evans 1986

<u>A PRAYER -</u> Lord, for your presence, for your Power, for your Resurrection, for your Grace, for our never-ending Love and Mercy. We praise and thank you AMEN

AND WE PRAISE....

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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<u>WE OFFER</u> our gifts of money to you now, and our whole selves, knowing that you accept both, and will transform them by your power to be blessings to others. AMEN

BIBLE READING - 1 John 4 7-12

Dear friends, let us **love** one another. **Love** comes from God

Everyone who **loves** has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not **love** does not know God, because God is **love**.

God sent his Son Jesus into the world that we might live through him, who forgive us for the wrong we have done, and helps us to make all we do right.

As God **loves** us, we must **love** each other. No one has ever seen God, but if we **love** one another God lives in us and his **love** is seen in us.

REFLECTION God is a Scary Word

It's strange how the mention of God in a sentence can literally put the fear of God into people.

The words - "May God have mercy on his soul" are the last words a convict may hear before the death sentence is carried out

The phrase "God is all around" can be understood that God is everywhere as a judge, and if you do something wrong or out of place it will be held against you, and you will be punished.

An "omnipresent entity" is just too much for the nonbeliever to cope with.

But God isn't a scary word, in fact God isn't a noun at all - God is a verb - God is love.

In the reading for today the word 'love' is used 8 times in just 6 verses.

If we replace the above sentences with the word Love then most would to grasp the meaning of the messages as they were meant to be understood, and begin to have a clearer understanding of God as love.

Watching David Attenborough on the television recently and his passion for the natural world, surely very few could argue that he has a deep rooted love of the natural world. He is a man with God! His love or passion is God guiding him to say and do what he thinks is best for the natural world.

Our love for our fellow human beings guides us to kind gestures, fund raising, prayer etc etc. these things done to us or by us, are done out of love, out of God.

If we believe all good comes from God, then every good thought and idea must stem from God. Interesting how we have good ideas then believe we need to pray about them - are we checking up on God.

Let's help people appreciate God, not as a scary word, but God as Love, a verb conveying deeply loving actions, deeds and endeavours which stem from the root of all love - who is God

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Please **read or sing** this beautiful simply chorus which conveys a message of deep love, from God, through us, to others, and then the recognition of God's love coming right back to us again.

I love you with the love of the Lord I love you with the Love of the Lord I can see in you the glory of my king And I love you with the love of the Lord.

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LET'S SPEND TIME NOW RECEIVING THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH BREAD AND WINE



We sit for a moment, thinking of each other....... We remember the last supper .. picturing Jesus sitting with his disciples round a table......

We watch Jesus stand, and pick up **the bread**.... He looks at us and we hear Him says

'this is my Body, broken for you..."

We watch now as Jesus raises **the cup of wine**..... Jesus 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 of love which Jesus says....

"you are a beloved child of God, forgiven & free, The gift of heaven on earth, & heaven beyond earth, is yours. Love my children as I love you"

Thank you God for these Gifts of love - gifts of your very self. Amen



Thankful and blessed

Let's read or sing this hymn as a prayer

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew; That I may love what Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; Until my will is one with Thine to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine; Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity. © Edwin Hatch 1935

LET'S PRAY

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sings and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer".

- -Loving God, we call to mind the stormy areas of our world..... Let your calming and reassuring presence be sensed, bringing peace and hope.
- -Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are torn apart, broken through war, disease, illness, death...... May your loving comforting arms be felt through those who nurse, care, and hold.
- -Loving God, help us to draw strength and comfort from you in the storms of our lives......
- -Loving God we pray for all who risk their lives, work so hard, give so much for the sake of others... help them to know they are valued and appreciated.
- -Loving God, we remember those who have completed the journey of this life, we pray for those who are bereaved, and thank you for Your promise of eternal life. AMEN

LET'S RAISE OUR VOICES AND SING:-

One more step along the world I go One more step along the world I go From the old things to the new Keep me travelling along with You

And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you

Round the corner of the world I turn, More and more about the world I learn All the new things that I see, You'll be looking at along with me

As I travel through the bad and good Keep me travelling the way I should Where I see no way to go You'll be telling me the way I know

Give me courage with the world is rough Keep me loving when the world is tough. Leap and sing in all I do Keep me travelling along with you

You are older than the world can be, You are younger than the life in me Ever old and ever new Keep me travelling along with you © Sydney Carter 1971

> God Bless you, and yours, now and forever Amen