

## **WORSHIP for 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**A PRAYER - 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**

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### **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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**WE OFFER 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 non-believer 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 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.....  
Together we raise our hands to our mouth and  
breathe in this gift of love - love which touches the  
broken parts of our lives, love which joins us  
together with each other, and love which reminds  
us that we are part of the human race.  
Love which changes us.*

*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.  
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**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  
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**God Bless you, and yours,  
now and forever  
Amen**