

Worship for 1st November 2020

Let's praise and pray together

Psalm 40 - None can compare with you.
Were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they
would be too many to declare.

Thank you God for beauty all around

MORNING HAS BROKEN Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Eternal God, you are the power that creates
the universe, the energy that enlivens, and
the strength that sustains the world.

Your love encircles, enables & fills us
You are the hope of resurrection, because
every day, light and beauty comes from
darkness and despair.

Your Holy Spirit is life-giving
Help us to learn not to turn our back on your
way of love, and to trust you in our lives.

AMEN

We say The Lord's Prayer - Our Father.....

OUR READINGS - *Today they may not be
long, but they are very powerful*

PROVERBS 3 VS 5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean
not on your own understanding; in all ways
submit to him and he will make your paths
straight

PSALM 103

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

A REFLECTION - I went into a charity shop
and took a jumper from the rail, looking at
the label it read "one size". I wondered
how one size can fit all? That was the
beginning of my reflection for today.

I once did a car maintenance course, learning
to change a fan belt etc (in the days when
engines were much simpler). Yet as the years
have gone by I know that 'one size' doesn't fit
all, and just because I learned a skill, doesn't
mean I can apply it to every car I have. The
same is true for most skills we acquire.

When I was training for Ministry we were
taught lots of theory and formula, I read
books and wrote assignments. Yet when it
came to 'being' in ministry, I soon
discovered that in life it's not about
applying a formula, but wisdom from
above, Jesus, and total reliance on the
leading of the Spirit. 'Once size' doesn't fit
all because every person & situation, even if
they sound similar, will be very different.

I read the stories of Jesus. When He met
Zacchaeus the tax collector he went to his
home and spent time there. When he met
the woman at the well Jesus listened even
though He knew all about her already.
When Jesus met the rich man Jesus allowed
him to make his own decisions. When Jesus
meets the demon possessed man who no
one else would go near, He wanted to
'know' the man and the first thing he did
was to ask the man's name.

Having compassion means to go out of our
way to get to know, and to help the
physical, mental, emotional pains of
another. Not relying on our own
understanding, but trusting God's.

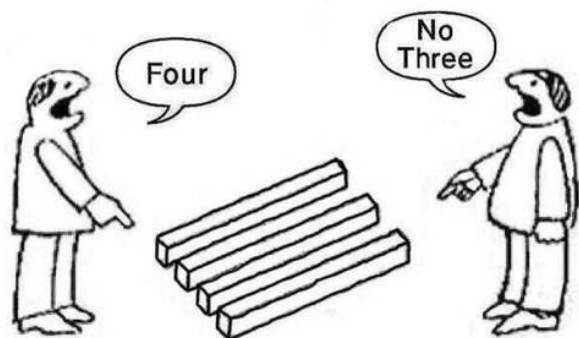
You see instead of being indifferent and
judgemental, and treating everyone the
same, Jesus showed compassion and
mercy. By doing this He got alongside
them, entered their world, and took steps to
help them to a better place.

Two very short statements which stay in my mind
from college are

1. Be prepared you may not be prepared
2. Never presume

It's about having an open heart, a reliance on God's Spiritual energy leading us, and a God given desire to love. Changes can happen for another purely by listening to their story.

Our own thoughts, lives, experiences, ideas, hurts, passions, beliefs, fears, needs are very different, we are all unique. Wherever you are spiritually and emotionally at this time God knows you, loves you just as you are and longs to lead you forward. We were never meant to be the same, we are unique and beloved in Christ, not judged, or questioned, but we are all equally loved with a heart full of compassion. Let us show that same love to all.



Let's sing with our hearts or voices

TEACH ME TO DANCE *to the beat of Your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.
Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of Your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of Your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life,
Created heaven and earth;
In You is joy without measure.
So, like a child in Your sight,
I dance to see Your delight,
For I was made for Your pleasure,
Pleasure.

Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say 'yes',
A will that leaps to obey You.
Let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in Your face;
Let my whole being praise You,
Praise You.

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OUR OFFERING

Lord I give and lay aside my gifts for your work. Bless them so others will be blessed. AMEN

LET'S PRAY Loving God, we are all drawn into prayer by your Holy Spirit.

-Creator God, this fragile, vulnerable planet is so beautiful and in such need of your guidance. We pray for a deeper valuing of our universe, and one another as unique, precious, and equally loved.

-Loving Lord, may our homes be centres of your love, acceptance and welcome. We pray for all relationships. Please Lord help us as we make your home among us,

-Healing Spirit, we pray for everyone who is hurting for whatever reason and in whatever way.....We ask for them to be open to the reality of your presence.

-Heavenly Father, we remember and thank you for those whose earthly lives have come to an end, we pray that our lives will show glimpses of heaven on earth.

-In silence we pray our own prayers...**AMEN**

LET'S WORSHIP THROUGH THIS SONG..

JESUS, YOU ARE CHANGING ME,

By Your Spirit You're making me like You.

Jesus, You're transforming me,

That Your loveliness may be seen in all I do.

You are the potter and I am the clay,

Help me to be willing to

let You have Your way.

Jesus, You are changing me,

As I let You reign supreme within my heart.

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A blessing

May the blessing of God... Spirit Son and Creator, be with us, our loved ones, and all those we pray for, now and forever more AMEN