

## WORSHIP FOR 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

WELCOME EVERYONE TO WORSHIP  
AT HOME AND IN CHURCHES, INSIDE AND  
OUTSIDE - **BEST OF ALL, GOD IS WITH US**

### A Hymn for us to sing or say:-

Wise men seeking Jesus travelled from afar,  
Guided on their journey by a beautiful star

But if we desire him, He is close at hand;  
For our native country, is our Holy Land

Prayerful souls may find him by our quiet lakes,  
Meet him on our hillsides  
when the morning breaks

In our fertile cornfields  
while the sheaves are bound  
In our busy markets, Jesus may be found

Fishermen talk with him by the great North Sea,  
As the first disciples did in Galilee

Every town and village in our land might be  
Made by Jesus' presence like sweet Bethany

He is more than near us if we love him well  
For He seeketh ever in our hearts to dwell.

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### LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Father God, when we come to you it is like  
walking out of darkness into light. There are so  
many things and experiences that damage and  
spoil our lives every day. There are so many  
things that seem to prevent us being the kind of  
people you meant us to be.

Father, by your Holy Spirit, help us to allow your  
praise to be at the centre of all we say and do.  
Help us to be devoted to search and therefore  
catch glimpses of you at all times, in all places,  
and even in ourselves. AMEN

### PSALM 34:17-18

Righteous people cry out, and the  
Lord hears them; he delivers them  
from all their troubles. The Lord is  
close to the broken-hearts and saves  
those who are crushed in Spirit. The  
righteous person may have many

troubles, but the Lord delivers,  
protects and saves.

**LET'S REFLECT** - The Christmas celebrations  
have taken place and by now most will all  
have put away all the decorations. I actually  
keep my Christmas cards up until the  
summer, adding cards from Mothering  
Sunday, Easter, Father day, and other  
birthdays in between. Some of us have  
exchanged gifts over the season and on 6<sup>th</sup>  
January - Epiphany - the festival remembering  
journey of the Wise men, we also remember  
the gifts given for Jesus.

**So this year 'don't forget to give Christ  
something'.** I don't mean in the way we do  
to 'human' family and friends, this is a  
different 'giving'...

When King David was running from his  
enemies he said "This poor man cried out,  
and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of  
all his troubles, blessed is the one who trusts  
in the Lord (Psalm 34 vs 6, 8). The Lord then  
provided answers, peace, hope and grace.

John Newton who wrote the hymn "Amazing  
Grace" also wrote another hymn:-

"Though troubles assail us,  
and dangers affright,  
Though friends should fail us  
and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us,  
whatever betide,  
The promise assures us  
**"The Lord will provide"**."

### WHAT THEN DO WE GIVE TO CHRIST JESUS?

Christ wants us to give him our troubles.  
Others may not want them and we may not  
wish to share them, but Jesus is glad to bear  
them, and it indicates our faith and trust in  
Jesus. Don't hold back, let Jesus bear our  
burdens as well as our joys, He is our  
strength, our refuge, and our shield.



### **A personal prayer**

**Christ Jesus, loving, full of compassion,  
bearer of all burdens.**

**I slowly breathe in the Spirit of you presence.....  
I open my hands to offer you those things which  
feel too heavy for me to carry on my own.....**

**Christ Jesus, thank you for supporting me with  
all I carry, thank you that you can relieve the  
pressure from my mind and heart.**

**With all my heart thank you AMEN**

### **We sing or say this song.....**

#### **O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU**

With His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you  
whole.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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#### **LET US PRAY FOR GOD'S WORLD**

We pray for an end to war and violence  
For an easing of suffering  
For the needs of the hungry, thirsty and  
homeless to be met

We pray for the control of Covid 19  
For an easing of the burden on the NHS and  
emergency services  
For those in hospitals and hospices and for  
those countries without medical facilities

We pray for everyone struggling for  
whatever reasons  
For those who feel low and lonely  
For those who are suffering financially  
For those who have lost loved ones

We pray for charities working so hard to ease  
discomfort and offer love  
We pray for voluntary services who  
relentlessly give time and energy

We pray for our loves ones, and for ourselves

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Lord receive these, our heartfelt prayers, we  
know there are so many needs, but we are  
confident you know every one of them.

In Christ Jesus name we pray AMEN

### **OUR OFFERING**

Thank you Lord for all we have, we are truly  
blessed. We ask you now to bless the gifts we  
offer, the ones we lay aside and the ones we  
have already given. We pray that with your  
power they will be life-changing in small and  
great ways. AMEN

**All praise to our redeeming Lord  
Who joins us by his Grace  
And bids us, each to each restored  
Together seek His face.**

**He bids us build each other up  
And, gathered into one,  
To our high calling's glorious hope  
We hand in hand go on.**

**The gift which he on one bestows  
We all delight to prove  
The grace through every vessel flows  
In purest streams of love**

**Even now we think and speak the same  
And cordially agree  
Concentred all, through Jesus name  
In perfect harmony.**

**We all partake the joy of one,  
the common peace we feel  
a peace to sensual minds unknown  
a joy unspeakable**

**and if our fellowship below  
in Jesus be so sweet  
what heights of rapture shall we know  
when round his throne we meet.**

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### **A BLESSING**

The blessing of God, Spirit Son and  
Father, be with us, those we love and  
those we pray for, now and forever  
more. AMEN