

## WORSHIP ON 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Light to our path

### **Jesus is The Light of the Word**

As we approach this time of worship  
We pause to be still  
To breathe slowly  
And to re-centre our scattered senses  
on the presence of God.....

### LET'S SING OR SAY

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

### AND WE PRAY

Christ the Lord, we look back over these  
past days & we believe you have  
revealed yourself to us in delightful and  
mundane moments.... We stop to  
remember one of these .....  
and to thank you.

Christ over all, in all, with all, and  
through all, help us to give all we have in  
this worship to you today AMEN



*PSALM 119:105* says

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a  
light to my path.**

Many young people today can't imagine  
trying to find their way without the assistance  
of GPS in their cars and on their phones.  
Gone are the days of unfolding printed maps  
as we drive, or stopping at petrol stations to  
ask for directions.

Those of us who are Christians are like  
modern users of GPS; think...how can we  
manage without the guidance of the Bible in  
our lives? Imagine trying to navigate through  
life with no direction, no markers, no signs, no  
moral or spiritual boundaries to ensure we

stayed on the right path - it seems impossible  
for those of us who depend on God's Word.  
The psalmist put it best, calling God's Word a  
"lamp" and a "light" for our path. In the  
psalmist's day, a small oil lamp only lit a few  
feet of the path at night. It can be that way  
with Scripture. We know which steps to take  
today, but trust that our steps will become  
clearer as we walk by faith into tomorrow.

As we read God's word in our Bibles we find  
real life stories of people just like us, working  
their way through life, making mistakes,  
struggling where to put their next step,  
praising God, being encouraged by others,  
experiencing times of doubt and questioning,  
navigating their way forward through Christ.

We are beginning to move now to a time  
where we can dare to consider what God  
desires of us, as Church, moving out of the  
cloud of Covid 19. We cannot tell when, but  
in preparation let's all delve into God's Word,  
our trusted source for guidance, and pray  
together for direction, to discover how we can  
meet the needs of so many following this  
pandemic, what we can offer within what we  
already do, and in addition. God's work is  
not all practical, it has to begin with the  
Spiritual. Over the next weeks and months  
as we read our Bibles, we could use this  
prayer, and jot down any thoughts. There's a  
saying which says "Many hands make 'light'  
work". Let's read God's Word, get our hands  
together to see where the 'light' wants us to  
work.

**WE PRAY - Lord, your Word is a lamp to  
my feet, and a light to my path, help us to  
see the way You want us to go. AMEN**

### **LET'S SING OR SAY THIS HYMN**

**Your Words to me are life and health  
They fortify my soul  
Enable, guide, and teach my heart  
To reach its perfect goal.**

**Your Words to me are light and truth  
From day to day they show  
Their wisdom, passing earthly lore,  
As in their truth I grow**

**Your Words to me are full of joy  
Of beauty, peace, and grace;  
From them I learn your blessed will,  
through them I see your face.**

Your Words are perfected in One,  
Yourself, the living Word:  
Within my heart your image print  
In clearest lines, O Lord  
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### **OUR OFFERING**

*As a token of our thanks to you generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we offer now, and those laid aside and offered at other times. AMEN*

### **LET US PRAY:-**

Lord, awaken our need of you and make us hungry and thirsty for your Word as individuals and church.

Lord, as we eat our food this week remind us of your spiritual feeding. May the meals we prepare and eat be opportunities for drawing closer to you.

Lord, we pray for all those who need medical treatment, and for those who are in any medical and caring capacity. For those for whom there is no help available, and for all the emergency services.

We thank you Lord for your Word to us in the Holy Bible. As we pray open our minds to hear your silent whispers.

Loving God, we sit quietly and bring to mind personal prayers.....

Lord, the needs of your people are many, we sit in silence for a while acknowledging your presence.....

Thank you Lord for the privilege of prayer, through your son Jesus Christ,  
AMEN

### **The Lord's prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass  
against us  
And lead us not in to temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever AMEN

### **And we sing or say this hymn, renewing our trust in the Lord and receiving His Grace & comfort**

**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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