

Worship Together – Sunday 21st March 2021

At home, in church, inside or outside – God is with us!

Imagine all those you know from church who might be using this sheet, and pray with them:

***Almighty God,
to Whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from Whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord, AMEN***

Wow! Hearts open, desires known, no secrets hidden – God knows everything about us. Yet He welcomes us into His presence. In fact, as Paul explains in Acts 17, “in Him we live and move and have our being”. Our prayers merely recognise and make real to us that which is utterly true: God IS!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1 v 9, NIV)

Awareness of God’s holiness surrounding us, and Him knowing us completely, will prompt feelings of unworthiness and the remembering of sins. Thanks to what Jesus accomplished on the Cross, such things are no barrier to knowing that He loves us.

***The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior Who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in His love He will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.***
(Zephaniah 3 v 17, NIV)

Assured of God’s presence, love, and desire for us to live life in all its fullness, let us pick up a Bible and read **Jeremiah 31 v 31-34**

Reflections on Jeremiah 31 v 31-34:

How did Jesus symbolise the New Covenant for His people to remember?

What does it mean for our daily lives to have God’s laws written in our minds and on our hearts?

What does God promise to do when we confess our sins?

Let us now sing or read this hymn:

***Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus.***

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The Gospel reading will remind us that the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus demonstrate God’s love for the whole world.

Let us pick up that Bible again, and turn to
John 12 v 20-33

Reflections on John 12 v 20-33:

*What do you think made the “Greeks” who
approached Philip want to meet with Jesus?*

*If people who live near our church said “we
want to see Jesus”, how would we reply?*

*Why do you think that God chose crucifixion as
the death that His Son would suffer for the sin
of the world?*

Let us now sing or read this hymn:

***Now the green blade riseth, from the buried
grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.***

***In the grave they laid Him, Love who had
been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps
unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.***

***Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.***

***When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in
pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have
been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.***

John Macleod Campbell Crum



Jesus ever lives to intercede for us (Hebrews 7
v 25), so let us now intercede for others:
***Almighty God, You call us to pray at all times,
with thanksgiving in our hearts:
We pray for all nations seeking safe ways to
emerge from the coronavirus pandemic,
trying to balance human lives and economics;
We seek your help to play our part in national
and global recovery;
We ask You to protect and empower those on
the frontline of caring, and also teaching,
now that our schools have returned;
We hold in Your healing presence those who
are lonely, troubled in mind, homeless,
dispossessed, hungry or bereaved;
We give thanks for Your amazing love,
demonstrated to us in Christ Jesus, AMEN***

***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 into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. AMEN***

**The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn His face toward you and give
you peace.**

(Numbers 6 v 24-26, NIV)

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