

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday 9th May 2021

God saw all that He had made “it was very good”

(from Genesis 1)

LET'S SING OR SAY THIS HYMN OF PRAISE

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days;
Love His laws, declare His judgements,
Walk in all His words and ways;
He the Lord and we His children –
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Timothy Dudley Smith

LET'S PRAY

Gracious God, the variety of beauty and colour
in the world often leaves us speechless. Hills,
mighty seas, birds, wild animals, clouds, desert
plains, green pastures,
and blossomed filled trees.

As men, women and children we praise you
too, by your unfathomably powerful spirit, draw
us closer to your heart as we worship you now,
and each day of our lives. AMEN



Abraham was called far from home.

The apostles travelled far.

*Paul's ministry spread over miles of
strange lands, yet long before the Lord's
church expanded to Samaria, Caesarea,
Antioch, Rome*

it all started at home.....

Acts 2 vs 46

**Continuing daily with one accord in the
temple, and breaking bread from house to
house as they ate their food with gladness
and simplicity of heart**

A REFLECTION

A story tells of a man who felt called to
plant a church, yet try as he might his
dream didn't work out. He became a taxi
driver, and wow what a ministry
developed from the drivers' seat. He
prayed before each passenger entered,
begun general conversations, shared the
Good News with them in the way he felt
led, responded with Good News through
meals to help folk feel loved, kind words,
sometimes listening for an hour after the
destination was reached - he saw his car
as a mobile church. Each morning at
home he would pray "Lord, what do You
want me to do today?" It started at home.

Whether we live alone or with to others,
we are all homemakers. The environment
around us, and the environment we
create, reflects what's happening within
us. How will God lead us to respond to
the person who delivers the Tesco shop,
the postman with a parcel, the neighbour
offering to help, the window cleaner,
gardener, or the one who brings our
meals, our friends? We don't always feel
up to it, but often the simplest acts of
hospitality, kind words, and time to pause
& listen, become rich ministries. God only
knows where His graceful generosity
working through us to others will lead.

**...And God saw all that He had made
“and it was very good”**

A PRAYER

Father God, *you work with us* for good in everything

You call *us to work with You* for good in everything.

You call us to be channels of your gentleness, kindness & love. Thank you that your Spirit's power helps us to answer and respond to your call, where we are, how we are, who we are. **Amen**

Let us sing or say this simple yet rich chorus

Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes;
May now Your love sweep this nation,
Cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real;
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love. Dave Bilborough 1979

LET US PRAY, ASKING GOD TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OF OUR CONCERNS AND SADNESS WITH US

Father I place into your hands

The things I cannot do.....
The things that I've been through.....
The way that I should go,.....
For I know I always can trust You

Father, I place into Your hands

My friends and family.....
The things that trouble me.....
The person I would be,.....
For I know I always can trust You

Father, I place into Your hands

Your children young and old.....
Hearts hurting, frightened, and cold.....
The lost, lonely and unloved.....
Our loved ones 'up above'.....
For I know, I always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with You, do the things You do, speak Your words, and love Your people. I am one with you.

AMEN

Jenny Hewer 1945

OUR OFFERING

In 2 Chronicles 31 vs 12 we read -

God's people brought in the contributions, tithes, and dedicated gifts.
We do the same Lord & we believe these will be blessed, and be a blessing. AMEN

LET'S SING OR SAY

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,

I have heard My people cry;

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

It is I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

If You lead me;

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain;

I have wept for love of them –

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone;

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send? **Chorus.....**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them –

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts are satisfied;

I will give My life to them.

Whom shall I send? **Chorus.....**



As for me and my Home, we will serve the Lord

Joshua 24 vs 15

GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL YOURS