

WORSHIP TOGETHER

6th June 2021

**"The heavens declare the glory of God'
the skies proclaim the work of his hands"**

Psalm 19 vs 1

LET'S PRAY

Lord of earth and heaven, of all time and space, at work and active in all creation.

Your great name we praise.

Jesus, Saviour, God-man, walking,
teaching, listening, caring, healing,
longing, forgiving,

Your great name we praise

Spirit, never ceasing, all powerful,
immense, life-changing, bringing colour to
darkness, and to peace in pain

Your great name we praise AMEN

Let's sing or say this Chorus...

Wide, wide as the ocean,
high as the heavens above
Deep deep as the deepest sea
Is my Saviour's love

I thou so unworthy,
still I'm a child of his care

For His Word teaches me

That His love reaches me, everywhere.

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LET'S PRAY as God lead you....

For the World He created.....

For the Church of Jesus Christ.....

For the Town we live in.....

For people in need.....

For ourselves.....

Lord we are sorry for the times when our mistakes or intentions have damaged our relationship with You and with others....

Thank you that when we repent (turn back to you) we are forgiven. We begin again, a fresh start, a new day to show Your love. AMEN

We say together The Lord's prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.....

We repeat the chorus - remembering that
God's love stretches to everyone - even us...

Wide wide as the ocean

High as the heavens above.....



MATTHEW 3 VS 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "let it be so now" it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said "this is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased".

A REFLECTION

Often when we are planning an event we think about advertising. We want to make sure as many as possible know what's happening. On this day - Jesus came without announcement - no posters saying "if you come today you'll see the one John is telling you about", no halo, no royal clothes, no parade or band.

Had we been there we would not have known that the One who slipped in line, who had spent 30 years in obscurity, making kitchen cabinets or stools in a carpenters workshop, would become the name in the nation that all would know.

He looks like any other in queue for ceremony, yet this was to be the launching of the most significant ministry

in the history of time, like no other moment, but we wouldn't have known. We read this story with the eyes of those who know. But this is a massive, don't be deceived by the familiar.

This is a one-time only event.

There Jesus stands.....

Not pushing to the front - no "I need to be first" like celebrities do, no special area roped off for His baptism. No agent saying "stand aside, look here he comes".

Jesus simply gets in line, and waits.

The one who deserves our honour and praise, does not put himself on a pedestal. Had Jesus pushed for the 'celebrity status' how could we relate to Him? Jesus knew that He was the God 'man', and through his actions and humble attitude, we can totally relate to Him as a human, as one of us.

Turn your eye upon Jesus
look full in his wonderful face
and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glorious face

This is Jesus. I invite you now to spend sometimes telling Him whatever you want, be totally honest, don't hold back, don't worry about the words you use, just come to Him.....



When you have finished speaking to Jesus today you can say this prayer.....

Jesus, thank you that I can be myself, and be open and honest with you. Thank you that you never put yourself on a pedestal and I can speak to you face to face. Help me to develop a habit of chatting freely, of

listening, of bring my cares, concerns, hurts, and joys to you.

*Your words from scripture are true **"come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden, I will give you rest"**.*

(Matthew 11 vs 28-30)

Thank you Jesus. AMEN

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY:

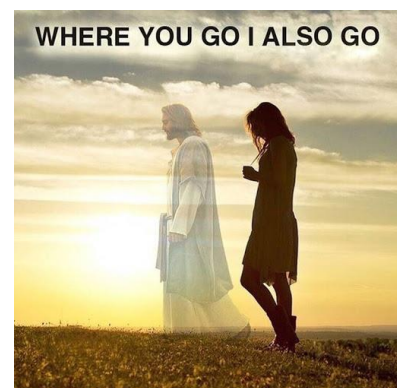
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.

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God bless you and all yours.