

Sunday 11th October 2020

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, to praise your holy name. We lift your name on high and proclaim your greatness. We give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His love endures for ever.

### Hymn: Shine Jesus shine

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rce9UHYZwl4>

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:- Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your

story.

Shine on me, shine on me.

### Chorus

### Let us pray together

Lord you have created heaven and earth  
and all within it and you pronounced it as  
Good.

We marvel at the night sky when we  
capture but a glimpse of the universe full  
of planets and stars

You sent us your Son Jesus into Your own  
creation that He may become the Lamb  
of God who takes away the sin of the  
world. Jesus calls sinners to Himself to  
seek forgiveness and reconciliation  
through repentance and faith.

Spend some time with God now  
confessing our sins.....

Loving God, we are sorry  
when we have wandered far from You.  
when we have not listened to your voice  
and listened instead to other voices -  
the voices of greed, and selfishness,.  
you have offered us abundance of life,  
but we have settled for so much less.  
Forgive us

### Assurance of pardon

In Jesus we have been forgiven  
So let us live as one who is forgiven,  
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### Reading: - Matt 22: 1-14

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon

### Take a time to sit quietly

### **A time of prayer**

Loving and forgiving God  
We pray for our world today  
we bring our Prime minister, Presidents,  
Kings and Queens, who make decisions  
and govern, that they will seek Your will  
and seek Your guidance on how they are  
to lead the nations in righteousness.

Sitting quietly what is God laying on your  
heart or bringing to mind that He wants  
to speak with you about .....spend time  
listening to His still small voice.....

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father .....*

***Hymn: Listen to 'Lord I come to you'***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=CL1POv2eY04](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CL1POv2eY04)

Lord I come to You,  
Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I've found in You  
Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the power of Your love

*Chorus - Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love*

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day  
By the power of Your love

*Chorus*

### **A prayer of blessing**

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your  
soul  
May his love dwell in you throughout  
every day

May his Countenance shine upon you and  
be gracious to you  
May His Spirit be upon you as you leave  
this place. Amen

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