

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst you are unable to attend church. 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

### Call to Worship:

This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn: 267 (H&P) Love divine

### Let us pray together

Living Lord, we gather together across time and space to worship You; united by our love for You, our heavenly Father, bound together through our love and faith in Jesus Christ and gathered in heart as one as the family of God, His Church through Jesus and the love we hold for each other.

We are united around one baptism, The Holy Scriptures and guided by the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate Your awesome majesty, your holiness and Your amazing love and wonderful deeds. We acknowledge You as Lord of our lives. We want to sing Your praise and we bless Your Holy name. Living Lord, we give thanks for all that You have done in our lives and pray that we will continue to be open to Your work through us, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:** Heavenly Father we confess that the church has been guilty of working in its own strength and has neglected the greatest commandment of loving You with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not given your commission a priority in our lives. I have been timid and quiet when I should have spoken out and been the witness to Your saving grace.....  
(make our own confession)

### Absolution

If we confess our sins God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore to all who truly repent, this is His gracious word to us, 'Your sins are forgiven'. and we say, **Amen, thanks be to God**

**Today's Reading:** Acts 3:1-10

**Read:** Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - Lame men limping, Rich men begging!

*Take a time to sit quietly to ponder*

**Song: Peter and John went to pray;**

Peter and John went to pray  
They met a lame man on the way.  
He asked for alms and held out his palms,  
And this is what Peter did say:  
"Silver and gold have I none,  
But such as I have give I thee.  
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
Rise up and walk."  
He went walking and leaping and praising God,  
Walking and leaping and praising God.  
"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
Rise up and walk."

### A time of prayer

Our Father in Heaven we lift our concerns for Your world to You today, knowing that You have called us to do so and knowing that You care about even the smallest detail of this world.

We lift to You all who suffer today at the hands of others, through war, greed, the abuse of power, or the abuse of words. May they receive courage through the power of Your Holy Spirit as You stand with them, giving them strength. May they find Your people upholding them providing for their needs and giving them a voice, that Your love may be seen and known.

We lift to You all those who find themselves in positions of authority

today, whether it be by choice, or because their skills have been recognised and needed, or because there is no one else available. May they seek wisdom and guidance from Your wise counsel and have the humility to know when they need help.

We lift to You all who suffer today as a result of illness as hospitals are having to prioritise different needs. We lift before You those who are recently bereaved and those who are still missing their loved ones.

We lift before You those who are caring for others whether in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those who are feeling exhausting in their workload of caring for others. May they know comfort, healing, reassurance and hope.

And we lift to You all those known to us personally who are in need today ... *(name them)* ... May they find grace, healing, and blessing.

We bring all these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us when we pray to say ...

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: 86 (H&P) Tell out my Soul**

**Offertory:** Father we thank you for You have provided us with so much, we remember the early church that had so little. May our gold and silver be used to further your Kingdom and the knowledge of Your saving grace through Jesus Christ. Use our gifts, talents, gold and silver for your names sake we pray. **Amen**

**Hymn: 223 (H&P) I will sing of the wondrous story**

**A prayer of blessing**

May the One who makes all things new fill us with grace, hope, peace and joy

that together we may live and work to God's praise and glory in our world.  
**Amen.**

Worship material adapted from the Methodist web site for today