

Sunday 15th November 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

'Lord, we come into your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance' May the light of your presence guide our worship today.
Amen .

Hymn: Be Thou my Vision

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/hymns/be-thou-my-vision-o-lord-of-my-heart-stf-545/>

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that
thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and
the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence
my light.

word,
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true
be thou ever with me, and I with thee,
Lord;
be thou my great Father, thy child let
me be;
thee.
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for
the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my
true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my
strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great
Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,

O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, 8th century
translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935) (alt.)*

Let us pray together

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Lord Jesus, Light of the World;
You came to turn our world upside down,
or rather the right way up.
Word of God made flesh, You came to show us
how to truly live, to love and to serve; how to
live out the values of your kingdom here on
earth. As we gather to praise you for all that
you are and all that you bring, we pray;
'mirrored here, may our lives tell your story'
today and everyday. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Lord we acknowledge that there have been
times when we have not shared the riches of
your kingdom with others.

Times when we have taken the easy route,
choosing options that require less time, less
energy, less thought.

Times when we have turned back to the
ways of the world, that are contrary to
the values of your kingdom.

And in a moment of quiet we bring into
your light our own personal confessions.

Lord, we remember you are a God of
mercy and grace, who forgives us and
transforms us, by the power of your
Spirit, into the people you have truly
made us to be. Amen.

**Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:
14-30**

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon -
What riches are you storing up in
heaven?

Time to Reflect

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

We pray for places where people face
persecution for their faith and are not free to
worship you, and for people who have not yet
heard the Good News of Jesus;
**Lord, help us shine your light and share our
faith.**

We pray for those who fear for the future,
those facing job uncertainty or loss, those
anxious about the continued impact of the
Covid,
**Lord, help us shine your light and share your
hope.**

We pray for those who are ill,
those facing loneliness, isolation and
separation from loved ones;
**Lord, help us shine your light and share your
love.**

In a moment of quiet we bring before you our
personal prayers.
Lord, we remember 'the light of your love is
always shining' as we offer you these prayers
in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Our Father*

Hymn: Hear the Call of the Kingdom <https://youtu.be/d5AkyRFIKaM>

Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the
world,

filled with passion, filled with power to
proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.

King of heaven, we will answer the
call ...
*Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) and Stuart
Townend (b. 1963)*

A prayer of blessing

As we are sent out to live as children of light;
May we walk in faith,
be sustained by hope,
and share the all-embracing love of God
with everyone we meet.
Amen.

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