

Sunday 22nd 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

Loving God we come before you today to worship you. Wherever we may be may we know your presence with us. Amen.

Hymn: StF 264 Make way, make way for the King of Kings

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1CQ7fb0hEA>

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

Make way (Make way), make way
(make way),
for the King of kings (for the King of
kings);
make way (make way), make way
(make way),
and let his Kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall
dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Let us pray together

Loving God we come before you in adoration and praise for You are worthy of praise for there is no other like you for You alone are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Isaiah captured a vision of You as You sat high and mighty upon Your throne and knew himself to be a sinful man.....

Holy Spirit help us now to make our confession that we may truly repent.

We are truly sorry for the times that we have let you down. When we have failed to help those we ought to help, when we have remained silent when we should have spoken out. When we have passed by on the other side instead of helping people who need our help. Forgive us Lord and help us to share your word and love with others.

Father please forgive us all that is past and help us to amend who we are that we may truly please You and make you smile as we begin afresh living our lives in true faith. Thank you for your words that offer us forgiveness when we truly repent and we bless and praise Your Holy Name for your grace and mercy to us. Thank You Jesus.

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday sermon: 'Do the goats know they are goats?'

Take a time to sit quietly

Hymn: Sing a Hymn that comes to mind

A time of prayer

Loving God we come before you now to pray for our world. The world which you created, in which there is so much trouble. We pray for world leaders as they seek to navigate the way through difficult and challenging circumstances. May they humble themselves to seek Your wise counsel.

We pray for the church across the world as it seeks to serve You and honour You faithfully in Word, Sacrament and Deed. To share the good news amidst the increasingly secular age and challenges of pluralism in our nation.

Give strength and peace to our church leaders as they seek to guide us throughout this difficult time. May they find rest and renewal in you when they need it. We pray for our own churches and for the day in which we can all meet together for worship once more.

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers at this time, those in hospital and those who care for them, those struggling with mental health problems, those who feel alone with no one to whom they can turn. We pray for those on the frontline in medical emergencies, may they know your peace, strength and love. We bring before You our concerns for people we know who are in need of our prayers at this time.

We commend to You those who have died, Comfort those who mourn their loss and may they know Your presence with them at this difficult time.

We pray for ourselves. You alone know what we need right now. Give us what we need to face the days ahead We ask these and all our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father

Hymn: 515 The Church has one foundation.....

Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

As we go into the world may we be=ring you honour and glory. As we recall Jesus as King may we live our lives as servants of His kingdom, to His praise and glory

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, One God Now and evermore. **Amen.**