

**Sunday 9 August 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**

I come this day to worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Open my heart, to receive Your love, my soul to receive Your Spirit and my mind to know to Your truth. For Your glory. Amen.

### **Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness**

Let us pray together

God of grace, I praise You. I praise You for who You are: creator, faithful, rescuer, and holy. I praise that You even though I cannot be with others to worship You, I can feel that You are here with me. I praise You, for all the blessings You have given me. For family, for friends, for a relationship with You. Help me not to take You for granted. God of grace, as I worship You this morning, help me to be transformed by Your love, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33**

**Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - When am I closest to Jesus?**

### **Time to Reflect**

**Hymn:** Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?

### **A time of prayer**

Almighty God, I come now to pray for Your world. Your world which is full of brokenness and injustice. I bring before You the rulers of the world, local or national, and pray that they would remember that all power comes from You.

Almighty God, I pray for your church. I pray that during these times we would unite in worship and service. I pray for my local church, and its ministers/pastors, that they would be strengthened by Your Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, I pray for those known to me and name them before You. And, I pray for myself, that I would be transformed by Your Spirit, and live in the love which You have given me through Jesus.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

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

### **Offering:**

**Hymn: sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind**

### **A prayer of blessing**

As this time of worship ends,  
and I enter into the storms of life,  
and the uncertainties which may come,  
may I take heart that Jesus is present,  
and ever live for His holy name.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with me, and those whom I cherish in  
my heart, now and always.  
Amen.

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