



It's six weeks since we last met together on a Sunday, is it starting to feel normal? I've been so grateful to feel that I'm meeting together, though I'm actually sitting in my back garden with birds chirping and joining in the worship. Paul knew quite a bit about lockdown, being imprisoned for a while. In Philippians 4 he says – "Celebrate God all day, every day" and "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray." Thank you praying for me and the other "front-liners" from church, we feel this makes a huge difference.

## Song

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## Prayers

Eternal God, you do not need our praise.  
The world itself tells of your glory ... sunrise  
and birdsong, the ruggedness of landscape,  
the randomness of rain, beauty for the eye,  
nourishment for the soul ... these speak of  
your goodness, these honour your name.

You do not need our praise.

Other places can do it better with finer music  
or fewer words, with centuries of tradition or  
buildings of rare beauty. Other people can  
do it better, where two or three are gathered  
who live in poverty or under threat, and who,  
despite all that oppresses them, rejoice to be  
called your own.

What can we add by way of magnificence or  
testimony when these are more eloquent?

You do not need our praise, but we need to  
praise you. It is the yearning, the restlessness  
which you have planted in us. It is our desire  
for a true home and unconditional acceptance  
that brings us here.

All the rumours we have heard about you are  
true:

you love  
you forgive  
you transform.

And you know us ... oh, how you know us.  
You perceive what in us needs to be loved,  
what in us needs to be forgiven, and what in  
us needs to be changed.

We need no more words, just penitence.

**Come before God to confess our sins and seek his forgiveness.**

Lord have mercy on us.

These are the words of Jesus. They are strong and true, so believe them:

'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness.'

Go in peace; your sins are forgiven: Come, each one, and follow me'.

Now, God, help us to live as forgiven people - visibly different, gloriously free, for Jesus' sake.

**Amen.**

*We now pray for the Covid 19 crisis:*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from  
your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.

**Amen.**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in  
isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray for those who are ill:*

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them  
safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray for hospital staff and medical  
researchers:*

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a  
cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored  
to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Maker of all, we are your children, the  
creatures of your kindness, the bearers of  
your image. This day we will walk by your  
light, follow your son and live by your spirit.  
This day we will not offer to you offerings that  
cost us nothing. For this is the day that the  
Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in  
it.

**Amen.**

## Song

Holy Spirit living breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

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## Teaching

Read John 14:15–26 and 16:5–15

## Song

There's nothing worth more  
That will ever come close, nothing can  
compare  
You're our living hope

Your presence Lord  
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord

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Let us become more aware of your presence  
Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness

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## Question

- 1 How much of a reality is the Holy Spirit in your life and experience? What action will you take to deepen your awareness of the Spirit living within you?
- 2 Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in your own life, and in the life of the church?

## Song

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe  
responsive to his call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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and crown him Lord of all.

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From where we are to where you need us.

In Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal.

In Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

In Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

In Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, now lead on.