



*"Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy"*

The psalmist says our worship needs to be fresh, but also use the gifts and skills we've honed over time, in an exuberant way based on the joy we have because God is so good.

This is not based on the weather or circumstances, or progress on Covid but in the truth of Jesus. It is important to remember what we've learnt in these tough times and remain rooted in the truth of who God is – powerful, loving and just.

## Song

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms.

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## Song

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.



There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## Read Matthew 4:1-11

### Teaching

■ If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful: he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it

■ 'Because Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted'

## Prayers

### ■ World

We pray for nations of the world facing turbulent times as elections take place.

Elsewhere in the world we pray for your comfort as countries continue to struggle with Covid-19 and the impact of it. Keep us under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Lord, we prayer for all families separated by the pandemic. Families throughout England and the UK, families separated across the world. Sustain and support the lonely 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.

Thank you though that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for the continued rolling out of vaccinations and the hope that comes with it. Firstly, we pray for the leaders in America preparing for the presidential elections in November. Lord, during this time of transition, with all the injustice and fear in our world today, we pray for wisdom and guidance for both the leaders and the electorate.

*God of love, turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.*

### ■ Country

We give thanks for our young people; for their vibrancy, their gifts and their love. During this time of great uncertainty for our young people we pray for your guidance and calm. We pray that they will know your presence and your love. May they know your plan for them and rest peacefully in that knowledge.

Lord, we pray for all schools preparing to open back up to all students tomorrow. We pray that students and a staff will feel safe in school and that new procedures run seamlessly. Lord, we pray for the leadership of our education. We pray for our teachers and support staff. Fill these leaders with your spirit as they support our young people return to school.

We thank you for the joy of education and pray that the new procedures and measure don't detract from this.

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and give us peace.*

## ■ Community

Thank you, Lord for the fellowship and friendship at Duke Street. We praise you for the love shared amongst friends. We look forward to the time when we can meet together again. Help us Lord use this final period of 'wilderness' to prepare for our reunion.

Lord we pray for Duke Street Junction on the 14th March. We pray for Carron as she leads the team in preparation for that service. We pray for the volunteers and thank you for their willingness to service you. Finally, we pray for the families and children who will engage with Duke Street Junction. We pray that your light will shine into their homes and spark a desire to know you better.

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and give us peace.*

## ■ Family

Finally, Lord we pray for ourselves: that you may pour into us a new spirit of hope and refreshment as we move forward from our worship today. Let us use this time now to offer our own prayers.

*God of love, turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.*

## Song

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve  
and worship you  
now and always.