

Worship for Sunday 10th May 2020

John 14: 1-14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

I COME BEFORE GOD

Jesus said, I am the Way – come!

Jesus said, I am the Way and the Truth
– come and receive.

Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
– come, receive, and respond.

Dear Lord, as we gather in your name,
listen to us and bring us peace; be our rock and our refuge,
that I may be made strong; let your face shine upon me,
that I may show your love.

I APPROACH GOD

Lord, I come to seeking the ‘Jesus way’.

May your truth fill me with wisdom to see
your presence in all that I do.

And may I receive new life, that I may serve you
in all that I am.

Gracious God, you are the rock of our lives.

Your strength sustains me.

Your power delivers me.

Your mercy brings forgiveness to me.

Together with others I come to you in adoration,
praising you that our whole life is in your hands –
held, sustained, protected.

Glory be to you, merciful Lord,

glory, honour, majesty and worship,

in the name of your Son, our redeemer.

I confess my sin before God

Forgive me, loving Lord that I have strayed from your way.

Forgive me for the times my life have not been
shaped by your truth.

Forgive me for denying your life in me and in others,
by the way I have lived.

In the name of Jesus, the way, the truth and the life, I pray.
Amen.

Bible reading **John 14: 1-14** (back page)

Jesus, The way to the Father

REFLECT:

Get a stone, have a look at it then for a few moments, to think about Jesus as our rock. Leave a pause after each sentence.

Feel the rock on the palm of your hand; it is solid and strong
– God gives us strength; his love is solid and steadfast.
Press the rock between your hands
– following Jesus is not always comfortable.
Move the stone from palm to palm
– wherever we are, whatever we do, God is with us; his love never fails

Personal Prayer

Show me your way; Oh Lord, help me to know that I can build my life upon you, for you are a rock. Lord help me also to know your truth, and to live your life. Amen.

Prayer for Others

The response:

That they may know your strength and peace, loving God:
be for them a rock and a stronghold.

In a world where there is warfare and violence, many people live in fear of the bullet and the bomb; many have had their lives and livelihoods destroyed; many grieve for loved ones who have been killed. That they may know your strength and peace, loving God:
be for them a rock and a stronghold.

In a world where harvests have failed; where there have been droughts and floods; many do not have money to pay for food and power; many are reaching the end of their tether. That they may know your strength and peace, loving God:
be for them a rock and a stronghold.

In a world where many people are alone; many do not know where to look for comfort and encouragement; many see no purpose or future; some cannot see the point of anything. That they may know your strength and peace, loving God:
be for them a rock and a stronghold.

In my life when I struggle and doubt; when I don't know what to say or do; when life overwhelms me and I turn to you. That I may know your strength and peace, loving God:
be for us a rock and a stronghold.

I pray for those whose lives are in constant struggle by illness. I remember now those at home, in hospital, in care homes and in hospice..... (I remember those known to me) Lord, In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I pray for those who have caught the Coronavirus, those recovering from it, and those with other illnesses..... Lord, In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

I pray for the bereaved and for those who will die this day and this week..... I lift up before you Lord, In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

I pray for myself..... Lord, In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** - The Lord's Prayer

A Blessing

May God bless me and my family, guide us and direct us. May God bless us, give us strength and the assurance of his love.

May God bless us and fill our life with his presence – today and always.

The Grace.....