

Worship at Home

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Call to worship

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Let us have a moment and bring ourselves into his presence...

Lord, help us to know your presence with us at this special time that we may know your love.

Come Holy Spirit and be with us we pray. Amen

STF 94: To God be the glory!

**To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son; And
give Him the glory, great things he has done!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment
from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord...

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath
done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be Our
wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord...

Fanny Jayne van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915)

Prayer

*God our creator, to you be thanks and praise.
You made each one of us in your image.
Our name is on the palm of your hand.
We thank you that you care for each one of us.
You sent your Son Jesus to be the Saviour of this
World. We thank you for your obedience, Jesus, going
to the cross, giving up your life for us.
We thank you for the example that you gave us, by
overcoming the temptations.*

To you be all praise, our Saviour.

*Help us to draw closer to you that we may be
strengthened in our faith in you.*

*We thank you, Holy Spirit, who guides and
strengthens us in our Christian walk.*

*We give you all the honour and praise our Lord and
Saviour. Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen*

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34
Luke 8:1-8

STF 519: Father, I place into your hands

**Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot
do.**

**Father, I place into your hands the things that I've
been through.**

**Father, I place into your hands the way that I should
go, for I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, I place into your hands my friends and
family;**

**Father, I place into your hands the things that
trouble me.**

**Father, I place into your hands the person I would
be, for I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, we love to see your face, we love to hear
your voice.**

**Father, we love to sing your praise and in your name
rejoice.**

**Father, we love to walk with you and in your
presence rest, for we know we always can trust you.**

**Father, I want to be with you and do the things you
do.**

**Father, I want to speak the words that you are
speaking too.**

**Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to
you, for I know that I am one with you.**

Jenny Hewer (b.1945)

Reflection

Jeremiah had a very difficult calling to be God's prophet as, at the time, Israel was not in a good place with God. His ministry was to bring people back to God to repent of their sins.

They had forgotten who had brought them out of Egypt in a miraculous way. They had forsaken God. All the leaders rejected God's law and God's will for the people.

For a very long time we have been going through so many changes as a country: Brexit, Covid, strikes and now, the heating and fuel crisis.

God has NOT FORSAKEN US!

He has been with us all through everything. God was also with his people, the people to whom Jeremiah was to prophesy.

When we pray to God he does listen. We always begin our prayers by asking God to forgive us. We can then go into his holy presence in Jesus' name.

We can be persistent in prayer, which is what the widow in Luke 18 did. She just kept going back to the judge – and if that unjust judge could respond to pressure, how much more will a loving God respond to us?

In our last hymn, we sang the words, “*I place into your hands the things the trouble me*”, and “*I place into your hands my friends and family*”. We don't need to keep repeating ourselves in prayer. Keep your heart open to God and you will know when to stop praying for a situation or person laid on your heart because God WILL give you peace about it no matter what his answer is.

Remember what God has done for you through your life or from when you came to know Jesus. When Jeremiah prophesied to his people, they did not take any notice. They blamed their forefathers and their sins. But it was their own sins which were making God angry. God said he would put his laws in their mind and write in on their hearts.

He wants our hearts and minds to be filled with his love and for us to trust in him to see us through difficulties in our lives and in our nation. But we must come in prayer to him and pray that he can turn our nation's hearts to him. **Amen**

Intercessory Prayer

Heavenly Father thank you for giving us the gift of prayer. We can pray for what is in our hearts.

Pray now for what is in your heart...

Thank you, Father, for listening to the prayer of our hearts.

*We ask these prayers in and through the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

STF 531: What a friend we have in Jesus

**What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O 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 sorrows share?
Jesus knows our very weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge -
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.**

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886)

Blessing

May our eyes and hearts be open to receive from our Lord and Saviour Jesus, that we will believe in his loving, healing power; and sharing with others what Jesus has done in our lives. **Amen**

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