

CLOSING WORSHIP
Saturday 17th September 2011
Theme: Called to care

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. (John 20:19)

So let us worship and adore the Risen Christ
Who comes to meet us now.

By your death and bitter passion
You destroyed Satan's hold over us.

Praise you Lord
Adoramus te domine

By your wounds and by your body broken,
Our wounds and our brokennesses are healed.

Praise you Lord
Adoramus te domine

By your risen presence we know that death has lost its sting
And the grave has lost its victory.

Praise you Lord
Adoramus te domine

By your gift of the Holy Spirit to us, your disciples today,
You enable us to continue your work.

Praise you Lord
Adoramus te domine

By your word of peace, you give us peace,
The peace the world cannot give.

Praise you Lord
Adoramus te domine

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Song:

Praise you, Lord, for the wonder of your healing,
Praise you Lord, for Your love so freely given;
Outpouring, anointing,
Flowing in to heal our wounds,
Praise you Lord, for your love to me.

Praise you Lord, for Your gift of liberation,
Praise you Lord, You have set the captives free;
The chains that bind are broken
By the sharpness of Your sword,
Praise you Lord, You gave your life for me.

Praise you Lord, You have borne the depths of sorrow,
Praise you Lord, for Your anguish on the tree;

The nails that tore Your body
And the pain that tore Your soul,
Praise you Lord, your tears they fell for me.

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A Song of God's Love

**God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.**

- 1 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- 2 Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.
- 3 In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.
- 4 In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us,
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 5 Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought also to love one another.
- 6 For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.

1 John 4.7-11, 12b

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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so that we might live through Jesus.**

Confession

Lord we gather here as your disciples, called in different ways
To minister to the great needs of those who suffer,
Those in pain, those in sickness, those who are dying, those who are bereaved.

We have failed to heal and help so often,
And the burden of human suffering and our own inadequacy
Lies heavy upon us.

Pour out your Spirit upon us afresh.
You know our weakness, You know that we love you.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Near to all who call upon him,
To all who call upon him faithfully (Psalm 145:8 & 19)

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:17 – end

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God
whose breath brings the gift of life;
whose creativity makes newness out of nothing;
whose love comes to us in Jesus;
whose solidarity accompanies our deaths;
whose power frees us to the resurrection;
whose Spirit liberates us from powerlessness;
whose grace stands under all our being;
whose consolation calls us to console
and to live out the hope of the kingdom.**

Dorothy McRae-McMahon, Liturgies for the Journey of Life, SPCK 2000

A time to respond and to receive anointing

Songs: Take, O take me as I am;
summon up what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart;
and live in me.

Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew;
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;

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Until my will is one with Thine
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
Deep within.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

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Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Prayers:

Living God,
we thank you for all who work
to bring help, wholeness and healing to the sick –
doctors and nurses, surgeons and medical staff,
psychiatrists, counsellors, clergy and therapists.
Support and strengthen
all those who share in the work of healing,
all who strive to bring relief,
all who minister to others.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
We thank you for all those who wrestle
with questions of life and death –
all who find themselves faced with difficult decisions,
and impossible choices.
Give them wisdom and discernment,
insight and right judgement.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving Lord,
We pray for the Church
in the healing ministry you have called her to exercise,
that inner healing of body, mind and soul
which only you can offer.
We pray for ourselves that we may be responsive
to your call upon our lives,
that with your people everywhere
we may be so filled with your Holy Spirit
that we may share effectively
in the wider work of healing.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Based upon (Prayers) For the Sick and those who care for them in Prayers for All Seasons, Nick Fawcett, Kevin Mayhew 1998

We close this time of prayer with the words our saviour taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn:

1. Living God, your joyful Spirit
breaks the bounds of time and space,
rests in love upon your people,
drawn together in this place.
Here we join in glad thanksgiving,
here rejoice to pray and praise:
Lord of all our past traditions,
Lord of all our future days.
2. As your bread may we be broken,
scattered in community;
We who know your greatest blessings
called to share Christ's ministry.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
Learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.
3. Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
By your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the bitter searching
when our confidence is lost;
Give us hope from desolation,
arms outstretched upon a cross.
4. Living God, your power surrounds us,
as we face the way Christ trod,
Challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God.
Called to share a new creation,
called to preach a living word,
Promised all the joys of heaven,
through the grace of Christ our Lord.

J.Jenkins (1937-)

Conclusion

All glory and honour to you, Lord,
for all that has happened in this place over these past two days.

And may the presence of him who is with us now,
go with us as we return to our homes
and throughout the days and weeks ahead.

May the light from the face of Jesus so illumine our way,
that we may see the world differently:
through his eyes.

May his peace so enfold us like a cloak,
secure and safe in him.

**Father into your hands we commit ourselves,
our loved ones and all for whom we care,
(Pause)
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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