



Westville Methodist Church

Sunday, 15 November 2020

Preparation for Worship

As you prepare to worship, let the following song help set the scene for you and draw you closer to God. [Instrument of Worship](#) (Click or tap the link to listen)

Invitation to Worship

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us
a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbours, foreigners and family will join in
the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

Amen.

Song [O God, Our Help in Ages Past](#) (Click or tap the link to listen)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lord, today we recall your faithfulness.

Thank you that you walk with us every day, that you are with us
in each moment.

Thank you that your promises are true and your goodness
never fails us.

In this moment we come to you and we lay our lives before you.

May we worship and adore you with every fibre of our being.

May everything within us cry "Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come".

And so today we join with all those who worship and confess you as Lord, from generations past and present, and with all the angelic beings that sing unceasingly of your greatness and beauty.

Lord we adore you. Lord we love you. Lord you are so precious to us.

Lord God, your unending love for people expressed in the very act of creation

reaches and touches even our lives

Your love sees failings – and forgives.

Your love feels pain – and wipes away our tears.

Your love knows grief – and comforts the sorrowful.

Your love sees sin – and still loves the sinner.

Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.

Forgive us when our action, or absence of action, harms or hurts others.

Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us.

Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you today and every day.

Amen.

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 that 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.

Bible Reading [Micah 4:1 – 5](#) (Click/tap the link for the reading)

Message [Remembering](#) (Click/tap on the link to listen)

Song [God's Spirit is in My Heart](#) (Click/tap on title to go to song)

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Prayer of Intercession

Loving Father, in whose presence all are alive;

We thank you for all those who have sacrificed life, limb or loved ones in the service of their neighbours.

We remember those who have suffered and died under oppression or crime or negligence in our nation during our lifetime;

Together with our sisters and brothers in Faith

we pray for Your Grace to give and not to count the cost . . .

for the establishment of peace, justice and hope in our nation now.

Lord, again we affirm that you alone are our refuge and strength.

In a world where there is so much war – often in the name of religion – we pray for peace.

In a time of uncertainty, and we no longer know where to turn

for help and guidance, we pray for all those appointed to lead us. Guide our president, the members of cabinet and all their advisers, and grant them the wisdom to make good decisions and the courage to carry them through, that there may be justice and peace for all people.

Save us from violence and strife, from pride and arrogance, and from only caring for ourselves.

Make us, who come from many different backgrounds with many different languages and cultures, a united people in you. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful to you; and in troubled times do not let our trust in you fail.

In your mercy, remain with us and all for whom we pray. We ask this, together, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

You're welcome to offer additional, personal prayers at this time or to simply be still for a moment before concluding this worship time.

Song [Make Me a Channel of Your Peace](#)

(Click/tap on title to go to song)

Benediction

Lord, send us out to be beacons of peace in
a dark world of conflict;

Make us instruments of peace for whoever we meet and
wherever we go;

In the name of the Prince of Peace,
Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Take time to "wind down" and perhaps sit with your eyes closed as you think back on something in the service that resonated with you.

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