sunnyside**church**

**Worshipping Together While Apart**

**Sunday 9th July 2020**

*If you aren’t able to worship with us online, then I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.*

*If you are worshipping with us online, please join in with the words in bold and feel free to join in the songs or just listen to Patrick lead us in worship.*

*Subtitles are available by clicking on the rectangular icon with dots and dashes inside it.*

*Hilary*

***Notices***

Welcome

Please see the website for more information:

* *Kingdom Come* on Wednesday evening. Email Patrick for the Zoom link to join.
* *Live prayer button* – if you would like prayer this morning, please use the live prayer button and Rebecca will be pleased to pray for you.

**C*all to Worship***

We still our hearts and minds as we seek to worship God this morning.

*Pause to allow us to experience God’s presence*

God is here,

**his Spirit draws us near.**

God invites,

**we respond through Jesus Christ.**

God welcomes home,

**he embraces every one.**

God is with us,

**in his presence we can rest.**

God reveals truth,

**in him we place our trust.**

God lights our way,

**we will bring our thanks and praise.**

We bring our thanks and praise by raising our voices to worship our God whose love never changes.

###### Songs

##### Nothing can separate

Even if I ran away

Your love never fails

I know I still make mistakes

But You have new mercy for me everyday

Cause Your love never fails

You stay the same through the ages

Your love never changes

There may be pain in the night

But joy comes in the morning

When the oceans rage

I don't have to be afraid

Because I know that You love me

And Your love never fails

The wind is strong and the water's deep

But I’m not alone here in these open seas

Cause Your love never fails

The chasm is far too wide

I never thought I'd reach the other side

But Your love never fails

You stay the same through the ages

Your love never changes

There may be pain in the night

But joy comes in the morning

When the oceans rage

I don't have to be afraid

Because I know that You love me

And Your love never fails

**Here is love, vast as the ocean,**  
Loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy

Flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heav’n’s peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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Loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout heav’n’s eternal days.

**God, I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed**  
Give me vision to see things like You do  
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

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And I will love You, Lord, my strength   
I will love You, Lord, my shield  
I will love You, Lord, my rock forever  
All my days I will love You, God

Hallelujah our God reigns,

Hallelujah our God reigns,

Hallelujah our God reigns,

Forever all my days; Hallelujah

***Confession***

If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. Let’s take a moment to think of the things we need to confess to God this morning, things we have done and things we have not done.

Pause

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days. **Amen.**

***Collect***

As forgiven people, we pray the words of the collect

**Gracious Father,**

**revive your Church in our day,**

**and make her holy, strong and faithful,**

**for your glory’s sake**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Praise

This morning we continue our ‘A Little Bible’ sermon series on the Psalms and Rebecca is going to be speaking to us about Psalms of Trust. Let’s read these words from Psalm 146 together, praising God, confident that we can put our trust in him.

**Praise the Lord.**

**Praise the Lord, my soul.**

**I will praise the Lord all my life;  
    I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
Do not put your trust in princes,  
    in human beings, who cannot save.  
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
    on that very day their plans come to nothing.  
Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    whose hope is in the Lord their God**

We sing praise to God now because he loves us and we put our trust in him.

Song

Love the Lord with all your heart  
All your mind and all your strength  
Oh love the Lord  
Oh love the Lord

This is what he is asking us to do  
This is what he is asking me and you

God we love you (x3)  
That is why we sing  
God we love you (x3)  
You are why we sing

***Pause for thought***

Our theme this morning is Psalms of trust. How do you trust the Lord? Do you find it easy or not? Are there some things it is harder to trust God about?

***Reading***

**Psalm 91**  
  
1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
    will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress,  
    my God, in whom I trust.’  
  
3 Surely he will save you  
    from the fowler’s snare  
    and from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He will cover you with his feathers,  
    and under his wings you will find refuge;  
    his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.  
5 You will not fear the terror of night,  
    nor the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
    nor the plague that destroys at midday.  
7 A thousand may fall at your side,  
    ten thousand at your right hand,  
    but it will not come near you.  
8 You will only observe with your eyes  
    and see the punishment of the wicked.  
  
9 If you say, ‘The Lord is my refuge,’  
    and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
10 no harm will overtake you,  
    no disaster will come near your tent.  
11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
    to guard you in all your ways;  
12 they will lift you up in their hands,  
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.  
13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
    you will trample the great lion and the serpent.  
  
14 ‘Because he loves me,’ says the Lord, ‘I will rescue him;  
    I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
    I will be with him in trouble,  
    I will deliver him and honour him.  
16 With long life I will satisfy him  
    and show him my salvation.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Favourite Psalm***

*Psalm 91 – Peter Billingham*

### Reading

### Romans 8.31-39 31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long;     we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

***Talk***

***A Little Bible: Psalms of Trust* by Rebecca Fardell**

***Pause to reflect***

We thank God that we can trust him, that he is our refuge and our fortress. We ask Jesus to increase our trust in him so that we may come to know and love him more and become more like him. We ask the Spirit for help to trust in God on easy days and on difficult days, for help to truly dwell in him.

***Song***

**The Lord’s my Shepherd; I’ll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,*

*and I will trust in you alone,*

*for your endless mercy follows me,*

*your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,

and he anoints my head with oil,

and my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust in you alone,*

*and I will trust in you alone,*

*for your endless mercy follows me,*

*your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

for you are with me, and your rod and staff

are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust…*

**Prayers**

As we come to our time of prayer let’s spend a moment being still, allowing God to bring to mind those people and situations that need our prayer today. Name those things that come to mind in the pauses during the prayers, aloud or in silence.

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, those who rest in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord: ‘my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ Lord, when we hear things that we don’t understand, when we see things that we don’t understand, when we feel things that we don’t understand, when we think things that we don’t fully understand, help us to trust you.

We ask you to be close to all who are suffering hardship or persecution, all who are in danger. We pray for all affected by the explosion in Beirut this week. Give wisdom and authority to those who are working towards peace and justice across the world.

Comfort those who are sick or hurting and those who mourn. Give strength to the doctors, nurses and carers who look after them. Give wisdom and inspiration to the scientists and researchers who are working towards a vaccine for Covid-19.

Lord, teach us the love that stays faithful for the long haul, the persistence that will not give up, and the grace to trust you, even when we cannot see results.

We bring all our prayers together by praying the prayer that Jesus 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.**

As we come to the end of our service, we remember again that we can trust in Jesus, our comfort and shelter, our tower of refuge and strength. We offer our praise in response by singing My Jesus, my Saviour.

***Closing song***

**My Jesus, my Saviour,**

Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise

the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,

tower of refuge and strength;

let every breath, all that I am,

never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord,

all the earth; let us sing

power and majesty,

praise to the King.

Mountains bow down

and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy

at the work of your hands.

For ever I’ll love you,

for ever I’ll stand.

Nothing compares

to the promise I have in you.

***Closing prayer***

*Why not picture the people from Sunnyside and Bourne End who you would normally see on a Sunday and pray this blessing for all our church family?*

**The LORD bless us and keep us;**

**the LORD make his face shine on us and be gracious to us;**

**the LORD turn his face towards us and give us peace. Amen**.

Based on Numbers 6.24-26

Let us go in peace to love, to grow and to serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***Coffee***

*Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from Sunnyside or Bourne End for a chat?*

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