

Welcome to our KSAT Worship service on Sunday 17th May
THEME – KNOWING AND NOT KNOWING

I am sure like me, you are looking forward to the time when we can once more meet physically for worship; but in the meantime I hope you will be encouraged and inspired by the worship that has been prepared for this week. Thanks to John Thwaites for hymns, Sue Thackray for reflection and Joyce Worsfold for prayers.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are –known and loved. Come with joy, come with hope.
Come with your burdens, come with your doubts.
Come with your dreams, come with your fears
For God calls you by name and rejoices. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – Come let us Sing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BZfXTCUbr8&list=RD3BZfXTCUbr8&start_radio=1

1. Come let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true
Out of the heart of the Father above
Streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love, dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2 Jesus, the Saviour this gospel to tell, joyfully came;
Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
Sharing their sorrow and shame;
Seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget, home weary wanderers home.
Wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love; Come and abide;
Lifting my life till it rises above, envy and falsehood and pride;
Seeking to be, lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

(Robert Walmsley)

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty, all powerful God, we are here because we love you. We praise and thank you that you have 'given us another helper' who will stay with us for ever. Thank you that you have promised that we 'will not be left all alone'. Help us to appreciate the extent of your greatness, to reflect on the power and majesty of your creation; we imagine the crashing and tumbling of water, the rushing wind, the heat of the sun on our faces, the bigness and intricacy of everything. Lord we marvel at the tiny eyes of insects, the magnification of a snowflake, the myriad patterns of flowers and trees, the strength and power of an atom. We see your persistence and constant love in the growth of grass, your gentleness in the softness of feathers and we hear your voice in the song of the birds.

We praise and thank you Lord for human beings, for the richness and variety of colours and cultures, multiple differences, yet so much joy in a simple smile. We thank you for the warmth and sparkle we read in eyes, for the intense happiness that friendship brings, for the peace and stability of belonging. At this time of isolation help us to reflect continually on your glory and worship you with joyful passion.

Amen

CONFESSION.

O, Lord, sometimes we are such a disappointment, even to ourselves.

We wake up full of good intentions and then we let you down.

Please, Lord, forgive us. Forgive us for losing our tempers, for our impatience and for our failure to really understand what it is you want us to do. **Lord, we are truly sorry.**

Jesus, there have been times when we have quashed the Holy Spirit within us and settled for a concentration on the unnecessary and mundane. Please forgive us for not listening to your promptings and ignoring your advice. **Lord, please forgive us.**

We confess. Lord that sometimes we have judged other people failed to see the good within them, have not looked at them as you do.

Lord, please forgive us.

Help us to see the preciousness of each person, to rejoice in their talents, skills and personalities and always be aware of their fragility and vulnerability. Help us to treasure one another, as precious gifts from you. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 17 vv 22-31; 1 Peter 3 vv 13-22; John 14 vv 15-21

Link between the readings: The Acts reading speaks of an unknown God who is made known in Jesus and his resurrection. John develops this further, in the promise of the Spirit who draws Jesus' followers into the love that lies in the heart of God. For Peter this relationship with the God of Good Friday and Easter is the ground of confidence and blessing in a challenging world.

REFLECTION ON JOHN 14 v 15-21 & 26 *From Peter's perspective.*

We were all there in the upper room with Jesus eating the Passover meal together. He was explaining to us what will happen when He leaves us.

We were all confused and I was broken hearted at the thought of Jesus not being with us anymore. I had previously asked Him where are you going Lord, because I would follow Him anywhere. He said where I am going, you cannot follow. None of us want to be left without Him, we couldn't imagine being separated from Him.

But I was uplifted to hear Him say that He would not leave us alone, like orphans. He was going to ask the Father to give us a Helper, who is called the Holy Spirit, who will be with us for ever. The Holy Spirit will help us, teach us and prompt us to remember all Jesus taught when He is no longer with us.

Jesus had commanded us to love one another, just like He loves us and because of this love, He said everyone will recognise and know that we are His disciples. He showed us this tremendous love when He washed our feet!

Then Jesus said that, "the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me." And "in that day you will know that I am in the Father and you in Me and I in you." I was puzzled at this and didn't understand what He meant. We do have to keep His commandments to show we love Him and because we do this, the Father will love us too, as Jesus does.

I still feel confused, but there is one thing I do know, that I trust Jesus without question.

I still think this message as it stands, is quite hard to understand today, even with the benefit of the written Word in the Bible. It only becomes clear after Pentecost. We just have to believe, trust and accept what Jesus tells us through His Word.

HYMN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pat Barrett - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioIH1Wx3MkE>

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, Help me see the way you see
Always Jesus, ever Jesus Christ in all is Christ in me

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking Words of grace in truth abound
Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

You're the light, You're my path, You're the shepherd of my soul
All I am all I have Holy Spirit, lead me on

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing Wake my ears to words you speak
In the thunder and the stillness, Let your voice be clear in me

You're the light, You're my path, You're the shepherd of my soul
All I am all I have Holy Spirit, lead me on

O You're the light, You're my path, You're the shepherd of my soul
All I am all I have Holy Spirit, lead me on.
Holy Spirit lead me onward, walking through the great unknown....

INTERCESSION

Please add your own prayers, names etc after the dots.

Lord we thank you that 'we will never be left alone' and that your Holy Spirit will always be part of us. We thank you that that same Spirit reveals truth and that through the Spirit you will reveal yourself to us. Father we know that you feel our pain and that you understand our fear and distress. Sometimes it seems we will be overwhelmed by the weight of information that we are given and we might feel inclined to shut ourselves off from all the statistics with which we are bombarded. Help us to keep our love and compassion alive and be ready to respond in whatever way you call us.....

We pray for all who have lost people that they love. Lord help them in their grief, enable peaceful good-byes, and comfort in mourning Give bereaved people the strength and motivation to go on and others to walk beside them.....

We pray for all who are working to keep us safe and provided for who deliver goods, work in shops and supermarkets, ensure that we continue to have water and electricity, health care, produce our food, and the many, many things on which we depend. Help us to be alert and ready to help in whatever way we can.....

We pray for our churches and all who are busy working behind the scenes to ensure that Christians can continue worshipping and be supported and helped in doing that. We thank you Father for all the things which bring us closer to you. Help us towards a new understanding of your Word, illuminate for each of us personally texts, verses and stories that are particular to each of us at this time. Help us to create our own worship spaces so that it is easier to come closer to you, and if we feel crowded out by the noise of others help us to find the quiet that we crave to spend time alone with you. Lord we feel the pain of knowing that so many people are bereft and frightened and do not know you, they long for comfort and hope and can find none. Many are desolate and cannot see any purpose in their lives .Lord give us a new passion for praying for revival and keep reminding us to pray for those who we know who need you so much.
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We pray for governments throughout the world who are struggling to cope with this pandemic. For those particularly who do not have sophisticated health provision and those that are already suffering famine, who are suffering because of war or are homeless, hungry or without the means of sanitation. Lord, hear our prayer **Amen.**

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

Fanny Crosby - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEOfFEs0Jos>

All the way my Saviour leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercies, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort Here by faith in him to dwell
For I know whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me, Oh the fullness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above
When my spirit clothed immortal wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

CLOSING PRAYER

May God's blessing surround you each day,
As you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin
Know His peace, feel His joy, share His love **Amen.**

(Cliff Barrows (alt J Betts))

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