



## Morning Prayer - 3rd May 2020 Transcript

Good morning everyone and welcome to Morning Prayer on Sunday 10th MAY 2020. Today's prayers are a mixture of prayers from the Methodist Worship Book, starting from page 5 and we will also have some prayers said, created by Rev Louise Gough that's our prayer of confession, and some prayers from myself and there will be a Bible reading too.

So let's begin, let's open our mind and reflect on our God this morning as we come before him in prayer. Let us pray

O Lord, open our lips,

**And we shall praise your name.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

We bring before you Lord our Prayers of Confession, Let us pray:

With our good intentions gone awry

And the things we haven't done:

God be gentle

**God be gentle**

With our sometimes-narrow vision of the gospel

And our slowness to live your radical Kingdom:

God be gentle

**God be gentle**

With our unwillingness to take the blame

And our inability to let go of guilt:

God be gentle

**God be gentle**

With our greed for the wrong things

And our skewed priorities:

We ask you God to be gentle

**God be gentle**

We're now going to listen to our sing a hymn which is hymn 489 in singing the Faith, and it's a beautiful hymn called 'All I once Held Dear'

**Song: All I Once Held Dear**

*All I once held dear,*

*Built my life upon,*

*All this world reveres,*

*And wars to own,*

*All I once thought gain*

*I have counted loss;*

*Spent and worthless now,*

*Compared to this.*

*Knowing you, Jesus,*

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*Knowing you,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.*

*Now my heart's desire  
Is to know you more,  
To be found in you  
And known as yours.  
To possess by faith  
What I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift  
Of righteousness.*

*Oh, to know the power  
Of your risen life,  
And to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you  
In your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live  
And never die.*

*Graham Kendrick (b 1950)*

We continue with our prayers, Let us pray:

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
Giver of life,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
At the beginning of this day  
You call us out of darkness  
Into your marvellous light.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

When we are given the opportunity to gather in our Lord's presence together, we know that we can take the opportunity to be embraced by God's loving care and the loving care of the people we meet with each at opportunity we have to worship together. At the moment we are living in what is a difficult time throughout the world but as I hear each day in so many different places and from the members of our congregations here in Salford, we are together even although we are apart. We have gathered together today in the strength of Jesus to pray and to sing and to hear scripture as a whole church family with an unspoken and spoken understanding of who God is and what God means to us.

So we're going to sing a song again, it's a beautiful hymn, hymn number 36 from Singing the Faith, There's a Quiet Understanding, and I'll follow this with prayer

Song: There's a Quiet Understanding

*There's a quiet understanding  
When we're gathered in the Spirit  
It's a promise that He gives us*

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*When we gather in His name  
There's a love we feel in Jesus  
There's a manna that He feeds us  
It's a promise that He gives us  
When we gather in His name*

*And we know when we're together  
Sharing love and understanding  
That our brothers and our sisters  
Feel the oneness that He brings  
Thank You, thank You, thank You, Jesus  
For the way You love and feed us  
For the many ways You lead us  
Thank You, thank You, Lord.*

*Thank You, thank You, Lord*

*Thank You, thank You, Lord*

Tedd Smith (b. 1927)

Let us Pray:

Lord, we come to you in quiet understanding  
Of who you are and what you mean to us.  
Something very personal yet when we come together  
and pray to you, to worship you, to open our hearts to  
you in that worship -we become your body, your church.

Jesus, we come to you in quiet understanding  
Of who you are and what you mean to us.  
Something very personal yet when we come together  
and recall your birth, your life, your death, your resurrection,  
we become your disciples, your hands, your feet, your hope, your church.

Holy Spirit, we come to you in quiet understanding  
Of who you are and what you mean to us.  
Something very personal yet when we come together  
And recall you hovering at creation,  
the gentle breeze of your presence,  
your fire bursting forth in our world.  
We become people who you have guided and are guiding,  
people who you inspire, people who you  
encourage every day as we walk with you wherever we are.

We come to you Lord our God, Jesus our Saviour, Holy Spirit our refuge and our  
encourager with a quiet understanding of who you are and what you mean to us,  
we give you our praise and thanksgiving. **Amen.**

We're now going to have a passage of scripture. This scripture means a lot to  
me, it was given to me to read on 29th May 1989 by my sister Linda, and it was  
the day, the morning after I had accepted Christ into my life. So I'm going to  
read from Psalm 31: 1 to 5 and then 15 to 16



It is a Psalm of David.

*In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.*

*You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

*My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.*

Amen and thanks be to God for that word.

We will say together the Benedictus together, The Song of Zechariah. I'll say the words in light print if you could please follow with the words in bold print.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
Who has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
Born in the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy Prophets, God promised of old  
To save us from our enemies,  
From the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears,  
And to remember his holy covenant.

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
Holy and righteous before him,  
All the days of our life.**

And you child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins.

**In tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from heaven shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**



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.**

## **We now come to our prayers of concern**

Let us offer our prayer  
With all God's people  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Who ever lives to pray for us.

Lord, during this troubled, sad and unbelievable situation we are facing throughout the world due to the virus that has affected our brothers, sisters, men, women and children here and abroad we ask for God's healing of the nations.

We remember that although there is a virus that has spread This doesn't take away the fact that there is also famine, there is the lack of food and water continuing all in places over the world and we thank you Lord, for all of the Charitable agencies who are trying their very best to continue to Raise funds and meet the ever-increasing need of their gifts of funding and practical help and advice. We especially think today of the work of Christian Aid as we begin Christian Aid week. We pray that their work will be able to continue today where it is needed most and in the future too. May our giving of time, prayer and finance once again be given humbly and generously and received by the people who need them most.

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Some people may feel that because their building is closed that they may never be able to meet again. But we know Lord that our churches will be able to open its doors in the future it may take some time, we are still church outside of the four walls as well as inside. Returning will happen when the time is right and when it is safe to do so. Let us thank you Lord for this time to be able to think about what being church really means. Are we the people of God? Or are we the people of the church, the building, being identified only as that? Lord I hope and pray that we continue to join together for Worship in many different ways and that our church grows wherever it may happen and that new seeds continue to be planted at home, within the community as we strive to grow into the church of 2020 and beyond. We pray that with boldness and gentleness we remould into the shape that you want us to be and not as we expect it to be. We pray for all generations who long to be back with their church fellowship to have trust and confidence in themselves and in their faith that holds us together.

We pray that all those who are affected by any illness be given the

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opportunity to seek refuge in you until they feel strong enough to enter back into the world. We pray for those who find themselves in any sort of trouble may they be given the opportunity to seek you – you who came into this world to help us and care for us even in times of trouble. We pray for those who are in distress, lead them to a safe and calm place where they will in time, with love and support, be able to see the sunshine after the rain.

We pray Lord, for those who are seeking to making all things new, let them take your hand to help achieve this.  
Your Kingdom come as it is in heaven, so shall it be on Earth.

We offer God our personal prayers and concerns now in a time of silence.

We now pray through a Taize song called 'O Lord hear my prayer'. Amen

## **Song: O Lord Hear My Prayer**

*O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
When I call, answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me*

*Taize*

Let us continue in prayer, Let us pray:  
God of compassion and mercy,  
Listen to our prayer.  
May we ask in Jesus Christ your Son  
Be done according to his word, who said,  
'Ask and you will receive,  
Seek and you will find,  
Knock and the door will be opened for you.'

To you, merciful God,  
Through your Son,  
The life giving Spirit,  
Be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together. We say the traditional 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;

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

Lord our God,  
As with all creation  
We offer you the life of this new day,  
Give us grace to love and serve you  
To the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**