



The **Methodist** Church

Welshpool & Bro Hafren Methodist Circuit

Home Worship Sheet – 17th May

This short act of worship has been prepared and written for you by Terry and Eileen Jobling.

Call to Worship:

From Our Heart to Yours

From our heart to yours, O God, from our heart to yours.

All that stirs and bubbles within - the naked truth of who we are and what we feel, born of joys and fears, hopes and disappointments, challenges and frustrations and pain.

No 'right words'; no 'correct way'; no pomp, no ceremony, no norms or etiquette of all we are.

Just a pouring forth in response to what we sense of you.

From our hearts to yours, Gracious God.

From the hearts of your people to you.

Amen

Karen Campbell

Hymn: Thine be the glory risen conquering Son

To listen to this hymn in a new tab: press Shift and Ctrl together and click [here](#). Close the tab after the hymn.

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
 angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Edmond Budry (1854–1932)

translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)

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John 14:15-21

To listen to this reading, by David Suchet from BibleGateway, in a new tab press **Shift** and **Ctrl** together and click [here](#). Close the tab after the reading.

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

New International Version

Prayer - Love which waits

Lord, we believe we know.

**But sometimes what we believe we know
seems so very small.**

**Lord, we trust in faith but sometimes
we find our faithful trusting wavers.**

**Eventually sufficient time passes for us to
make better sense of our journey.**

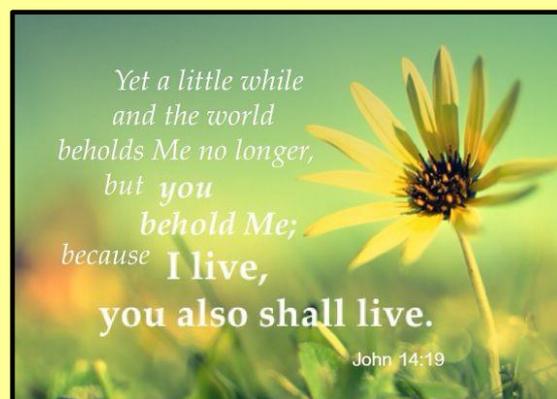
**When that happens it somehow no longer matters
that our knowing had seemed so small,**

**And we rejoice at how patiently,
how wondrously, how quietly and persistently,
your love simply waited for us to catch up with you.**

As it always will.

Amen

Stephen Best



Reflection on John 14:15-21 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit.

By this time Jesus was having a difficult time in trying to explain everything he wanted to say to his worried disciples!

He had been talking to them about the Holy Spirit and reassuring them that already they knew the 'Advocate' who would be able to indwell them and that would make all the difference!

One of the disciples, Judas (but not Iscariot), was, as yet, not able to imagine how they could go on living with this promise alone. Although it seemed - at that point - to be nothing but a dreadful shock for the eleven, Jesus persisted in still concentrating on the love of God for them.

The 'Advocate' they learned was another name for the Holy Spirit and it wasn't just the name which mattered, it was also the whole atmosphere which surrounded the promise. After all, it was so difficult because they had not yet become accustomed to the idea of depending just on a loving Father - let alone thinking back to the time in the Upper Room and all that talk about orphans.

As one of them said: "Probably none of us can take it in until it is happening in actual fact".

Prayers of Intercession

We remember, Lord, the peoples of the impoverished parts of our world: Iraq, Iran, Yeomen and neighbouring lands. Especially at this time of Coronavirus we remember their damaged health services.

Please bless all involved in their damaged services. May they all receive the equipment they need, and may wisdom be given to those in authority as they wrestle with the problems.

God in your mercy, [hear our prayers](#).

Coming to our own land, we prayer for all involved in the struggle against the disease. Thank you God for the heroic work being done by those in our health service.

We remember workers in our Care Homes, some sacrificing their own home lives to live-in.

We remember those who have given their lives in the care of others and for their families who grieve for them.

May all those who are ill have healing.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We ask for your blessing on our own community. May folk in any sort of trouble be given relief.

We pray for any who are in pain of mind or body. For our friends who may find the present isolation a challenge.

May we all know that there is a future and to use the words in today's Gospel, "Because I live, you also will live."

God in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We offer these prayers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Lord's 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;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Hymn: Now the green blade rises

To listen to this hymn in a new tab: press Shift and Ctrl together and click [here](#). Close the tab after the hymn.

- 1** Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

- 2** In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never He would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

- 3** Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

- 4** When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958) (alt.)

Closing Prayer

**May the faithfulness of God keep us safe.
The friendship of Jesus bring laughter on our way.
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit be our refreshing.
And may God be with us this day and every day.**

Amen