

Welshpool & Bro Hafren Methodist Circuit

Home Worship Sheet, 3rd July 2022

This short act of worship is based on the Methodist Home Worship Sheet for this Sunday.

Opening Prayer

Jesus is here among us now as we worship God together. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we hear afresh God's word to us, calling us to take the good news to all the world. **Amen.**

Hymn **STF 407** **Hear the call of the kingdom**

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- 1 Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.
- 2 Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.

King of heaven, we will answer the call...

Keith Getty / Stuart Townend / Kristyn Getty

Let us pray together

Creator God

Who gives us sunshine and showers to enable plants to grow, we praise you for the gift of nature. Just as the rain falls on the soil and produces green shoots, we praise you that your spirit constantly inspires and nurtures us. When we fail to produce our best for you and shrink from our tasks, forgive our apathy and refresh our hearts with your love.

For all the times we turn away from you

For all the wrongs that separate us from you,

Forgive and restore us.

The Lord hears our prayer and pours out his mercy upon us. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 10 vv 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Reflection

If the opening sentences of this reading are what remains with you (“the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”), please do not be discouraged! For the next words remind us that God will be with us in our mission, provided that we thoroughly steep our outreach in prayer. Seeking God’s will through prayer before embarking on any Christian project is essential to underpin human efforts. God needs to be involved if Christians are to be successful in preaching his good news effectively.

This may seem to be an obvious statement, but too often we rely upon our own resources and carry out our own ideas without first asking God what it is we are to do in his name. The disciples were sent out “like lambs among wolves” with the blessing and protection of the Lord, and the added encouragement of those he provided to offer support and hospitality. The seventy messengers were overjoyed with the success of their prayers and healings. But Jesus threw a note of caution to them, reminding them not to be too self-congratulatory but rather to rejoice that they were doing God’s work. For we do not preach the gospel in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

We pray for God's guidance and inspiration for all church leaders and communities, for a strengthening of faith and a more effective sharing of the good news with others.

Compassionate Christ,

You wept over Jerusalem; with how many tears must you view the troubles and conflicts in your world. We pray for peaceful resolution of wars, for comfort for the sick, shelter for the homeless and refugees, for food for the hungry and tenderness for the young and old in need.

Loving God,

We pray for those who are grieving, those who feel lost, those who are without faith. May they all feel the touch of your hand upon their lives, healing, blessing and making them whole in your love.

We pray for our own concerns, placing our anxieties at the foot of the cross and looking upwards in thankfulness to share our joys with you.

Accept these prayers and the prayers of our hearts for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. [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

StF 410 Lord, your church on earth is seeking

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Lord, your church on earth is seeking
your renewal from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of your love.
We will heed your great commission
sending us to every place-
'Preach, baptize, fulfil my mission;
serve with love and share my grace!'

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin;
give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow,
love for hatred, peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity
let us all his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.

Hugh Sherlock

A prayer of blessing

May you find an opportunity every day to share the love of Jesus with a stranger, a friend or a neighbour, so that the kingdom of God on earth might increase more and more through the power of the Spirit.

And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love, today and always. **Amen.**