

Teddington Circuit Worship Sheets

Sunday 14th February

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

“Our God makes his entrance,

He’s not shy in his coming.

Starbursts of fireworks precede him.”

Ps 50:3 The Message

Lord God in the quietness of this hour burst in with your light and life. Transform this ordinary morning into a new experience with you. Enable a fresh experience of your glory.

Empower the worship of this day. In Jesus name.

Amen

Hymn: 53 How shall I sing that Majesty

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOI-YWWpEXk>

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise;but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c. 1645-1694)

Let us pray together

Lord our God, majestic and awesome, humble and meek, powerful and vulnerable, we offer our worship to you.

You meet us in the predictable, day to day experiences of life.

You inspire us with awe and wonder in the special moments of our lives with you.

You turn the ordinary into the extraordinary and call us to witness to your actions.

Thank you Lord for the creative love you have for us, the saving grace you lavish on us and the insight you give us. Help us to continue to see your glory around us, to receive your grace given to us and to use the power you offer us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Today’s Reading from the Old Testament

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Today’s Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2 – 9

Time to Reflect

Before Elisha picks up the mantle of Elijah, which declares Elisha to be Elijah’s successor, he sees Elijah whisked off to heaven in a whirlwind with chariots of fire. A moment of powerful revelation before the hard work begins.

Before the disciples went with Jesus on the final journey to Jerusalem three of them are given a glimpse of Christ’s heavenly glory on a mountain top. A moment of insight into the real identity of the man Jesus before they had to face the suffering and sacrifice that was to be endured by the Son of Man.

Take a moment to reflect on the difficult periods of your life. What previous experiences have helped you during those times? How have you seen God at work that has enabled you to endure?

There were 9 disciples who were left at the bottom of the mountain and the 3 who were there were instructed not to tell. I wonder (and invite you to wonder too) what the reaction of the 9 was?

This episode comes 6 days after Peter has acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah which was immediately followed

by Jesus' first prediction of his death. That was something Peter objected to and on the mountain he wishes to prolong the experience by building but God answers with a cloud, a declaration of the identity of Jesus, "This is my Son, the Beloved" and the instruction, "Listen to him."

We know the full Biblical story of what was to come but for the disciples out of this glorious revelation there was the simple command "Listen"

Listen when Jesus tells you of the way of the cross, listen when he tells you it is not an easy way.

Listen when he speaks of death and resurrection.

Listen when he speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

And to us God still says, "Listen". Listen when God speaks to you in your life today.

Take a time to sit quietly and listen to God's voice to you today.

A time of prayer

In our circuit prayers for others we have been asked to pray for our church and the Property Team. We are also thinking about Puerto Rico – where there are high incomes, but also high cost of living. There are many issues with corruption, drugs, alcohol and HIV/AIDS, and high drop-out rates from schools. We pray for the church, for future leaders and for discipleship training.

We pray for countries torn apart by war, for refugees looking for safety, for those imprisoned for their faith or political beliefs, and for those who will go hungry today.....

We pray for our nation, for those with political power, for those who lead our industries and financial institutions and any who are responsible for the welfare of others within the workforce.....

We pray for the poor in our community, for those who are unemployed or unable to work, for the elderly and young people and those who are alone or lonely.....

We pray for those who offer support, for all health staff, carers, for those working in social services, in prisons, and in schools.....

We pray for those known to us who have asked for our prayers, for those who are ill or in need, for those we live with, and for those who are lost.....

We pray for ourselves, for our own journey of discipleship, for courage, steadfast faith, and wisdom in all we say and do. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: StF 260 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory

<https://youtu.be/E3F8KnUJ0iY>

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Saviour
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.

Thomas H. Troeger (b. 1945)

A prayer of blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be
gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give
you peace.

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