

Worship at Home - Sunday 21 August 2022

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use at home. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people across the Methodist Connexion are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

We come to God with our longings:
Our heavenly Father knows them all.
We come to God with our burdens;
Our heavenly Father holds them all.
We come to God alone or together
The Holy Spirit is here for us all. AMEN

Hymn: StF175, Light of the World

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words

<https://youtu.be/CBKzCpkXJR4>

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God,
and you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship ...

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

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to see my sin upon that cross.

So here I am to worship ...

Tim Hughes

Let us pray together

Eternal and generous God,
thank You for Your many gifts to us –
not least the gift of Your Son
who in turn gave His own life for the life of the world.
Help us we pray, to live as generously:
ready to offer time, energy
and all we have and are,
for Your kingdom's sake.

AMEN

Today's Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 58: v 13-14

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 10-17

Time to Reflect

What is the story from Luke really about?

Jesus healing on the Sabbath and upsetting the synagogue leaders,
or Jesus healing a woman who had spent 18 years in pain without being
offered any help by the synagogue leaders.

God wants his people to celebrate their faith by acting justly in the world,
whoever they are dealing with , wherever they are, and whenever the
opportunity arises.

Are there people in our community who we have known for long periods and
ignored, as the woman in Luke's story had been ignored until Jesus came
along?

As they reach out to us for practical help can we identify and try to meet their

need? Can we achieve a result this week?

Isaiah suggests that doing just that will bring joy both to us and the Lord.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

We pray for those who are in the news today, whether willingly or not.....
for those awaiting a home not of their choosing, for those fighting a war not of
their making and for those struggling to keep a family together around poverty
not of their creating.

We pray for those who we've met or talked to in the last day or so who have
some important issue to face.

Especially we pray for any situations faced by our own family and friends...

We pray for those who are waiting – for something important – a visit, an
appointment, a word of kindness.

Especially we pray for anyone who may be longing for love, friendship and a
way out of loneliness.

We pray for those whose lives are not content, but who have not yet found
their home in you. We ask for the gift of your faith to be given to them.

Father, every person we have thought of in our hearts is known and loved by
you far more than we can ever imagine. We entrust them to you in confidence
and hope, knowing that you will hear our prayers for their healing and well-
being.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive forever with you
and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

***Hymn: Listen to StF395 Spirit of the living God or sing a verse of a hymn that
comes to mind***

[Spirit of the living God \(StF 395\) \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

A prayer of blessing

May the grace of God the Father
Console our hearts,
May the love of Christ the Son
surround and uphold us,
May the breath of the Holy Spirit
Blow us into passionate fire
and may God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit give us strength to do this
week's work.
AMEN

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[The Bible \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

[Singing the Faith Plus \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

Isaiah 58 v13-14

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Luke 13: 10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.