

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SHEET PROPER 9

July 5th, 2020

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the candle....

OPENING RESPONSES

Jesus says, 'Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.'

Amen

Jesus says, 'Some to me all you who labour and are heavy laden. I will give you rest.'

Amen

Jesus says, 'Heal the sick.'

'Feed the hungry.'

'Free the oppressed.'

'Watch and pray.'

Amen

OPENING PRAYER

At this time, Lord, we seek to approach you,
but we forget it is you who first approaches us.
We are the sinners, the tax collectors,
the Gentiles of our day;
yet you come to us with your gospel of salvation.
We are the slaves,
in thrall to a world of troubles and cares;
yet you come to us
and invite us to be yoked to you;
you walk with us and share our burdens.
Lord, we seek to move ever closer to you:
come to meet us, we pray, in our worship.
Amen.

HYMN/ SONG: Lord of The Dance

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and
they wouldn't follow me.**

**I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.**

Chorus

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on
high, and left me there on a cross to die.**

Chorus

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.**

Chorus

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Saviour and friend,
You call us to lay down our burdens
And find rest in a relationship with you.
Help us to learn from you
How to be gentle and humble of heart,
That our burdens may be light.
Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**For the word of God in Jesus,
For God's wisdom all around us,
For God's word and wisdom in us
Thanks be to God.**

BIBLE READINGS

Epistle Reading Romans 7:15-25

I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right. But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me. I know that good doesn't live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it. I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do. But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.

So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me. I gladly agree with the Law on the inside, but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. I'm a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I'm a slave to God's Law in my mind, but I'm a slave to sin's law in my body.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25 to end.

To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

"My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

REFLECTION

CONFESSION

**Lord, we like to think of ourselves as self-reliant;
we don't need anybody's help.
Though the furrow be long and the going tough,
we will plough it alone.
That is what is admired in this world, Lord:
pride and self-sufficiency, never giving in.
But you see that this is the way of slavery:
you offer us a different yoke,
and we confess that we barely understand it,
for your yoke is light and easy,
a balm to our shoulders and a lightening of our load.
We confess the need of your help, your guidance,
and we fall into step with you.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

RESPONSE: AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe and trust in God,
Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,**

To reconcile and make new,
And who works in us and others,
By the power of the Spirit.

We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect for the creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and hope.

In life and death,
In life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God,
Amen

HYMN: The Spirit Lives to set us free.

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord*

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

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RESPONSE: INTERCESSIONS

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you...

*We take a moment to write a peace greeting to one
another whilst listening to the Iona chant: Peace be with
you....*

A BLESSING

May the God who feels compassion for all
Lead you to find love in your life
And the peace that comes from
Living with a gentle and humble heart.
May the gentleness of Christ restore your hope;

the power of the Holy Spirit set you free.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be with you this day and always.
Amen

- Christian Aid Worship Resources
- Roots for Worship.

SENDING RESPONSES

God to enfold us,
God to surround us.
God in our sleeping,
God in our waking.
God in our watching,
God in our hoping.
God on our lips,
God in our lives.

A PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Lord, let me be yoked to you.
In all I say and do,
be there with me.
Lord, let me be yoked to you.
Help me carry my load,
share my burden.
Lord, let me be yoked to you.
Let me rest in your strength,
until my labour is through.
Amen

QUESTIONS AND THOUGHTS TO PONDER IN THE COMING WEEK.

What misplaced burdens are you carrying?
Where might God be offering you a more well-fitting yoke?
How have you experienced God's steadfast love this week?
How could you share the burdens of those known to you?

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