

## For Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Palm Sunday

**Good morning Church, I (Neil) have prepared some words, prayers and songs that, I hope, will help you to Worship today.**

**Opening prayer – play the Powerpoint “Opening prayer” and pause after each slide to add your own prayers.**

**The families with children have been sent through an activity sheet, so families let’s do that now. Time to get dressed, get into position and follow the instructions on the activity sheet sent through earlier. Prepare for a triumphant procession up to Jerusalem. Here is song for you:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgvV7NoQofs>

***(Where the words say, children sing and dance, then “go for it”.)***

***(Children, after your procession, draw a picture or produce a story board of what you have just done.)***

**Everybody else, if you want to process around your lounge then go ahead. If you don’t, please read Mark 11.**

**From the triumphant procession up to Jerusalem we need to move with God’s Holy Spirit in order to equip ourselves to follow him.**

**God said to our Church back in early March 2003 that this is how he wanted us to worship him:**

**Be still**

**Be clean**

**Be Holy**

**Be one**

**Be like Jesus**

**He also said:**

**“There will be Revival in this land.”**

**Never has this land, and indeed the world, needed God more than now!**

**People are searching and need answers, we have the answers. We need to be strong enough to share the message.**

**So, let us contemplate this in the stillness of reflection. Let us use the words from “Be Still”**

**Rather than play a video clip or sing to a backing track, I would like you to view the Powerpoint one slide at a time, remembering how the music and singing sounded when we played this at Church.**

**Sit with your hands in your lap with your palms facing up to receive the Holy Spirt.**

**“In the stillness, feel my touch”, says the Lord. Be still for the presence and the glory and the power of the Lord is with us.**

**Play the “Be Still” Powerpoint.**

**More recently God has been speaking to me. At the start of the lockdown, when we were told to stay away from each other, God said:**

**“Rise up you people and rejoice. Let us sing in the streets”**

**You may have seen “youtube” clips of people doing just that. Singing and praying on our streets, to and for neighbours and passers-by. Still maintaining the social distancing.**

**Maybe this is what we need to do?**

**This is a big ask! We need God’s help to do this.**

**Let us listen as God fills us with his spirit**

**Song, Breathe on me breath of God by Dave Fellingham:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vApnr-KA7bE>

**Pray together if you are with your family or read out loud if you are on your own.**

***Fill us with your breathe oh Lord, that we may do your will. We cannot do this in our own strength.***

***Fill us with your Spirit Lord each and every day, fill us to overflowing Lord so we may go Your way.***

***Remind us it is the same power now as it was on the day of Pentecost, a mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire.***

***Amen.***

**Picture now, the portrayal from Revelation . God in heaven with Jesus on his right hand praying for each one of us constantly. The River of God, his Holy Spirit flowing down from heaven past the Trees of Life, the branches of the trees are for the healing of the nations.**

**Holy Spirit invade us now**

**Build your kingdom here**

**Revive your Church oh Lord**

**We are the Hope on earth**

**Build your kingdom here, Rend Collective**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

**I will call upon your name Lord Jesus, the great I Am, the mighty name of Jesus.**

**Your sovereign hand will be my guide**

**You have never failed me and you won't start now**

**Song: Oceans.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVAR85rorvU>

Now let us respond and pray as you feel led by the Spirit. Also, pray for family friends, and especially our NHS heroes.

### **LISTEN TO SERMON HERE**

God also keeps repeating to me: “Do not be afraid, I will be with you always until the end of time. I will not leave you or forsake you”. We have the sure and certain hope in the resurrection. We who believe will not perish but have everlasting life”.

Also, Ephesians 1 v11 “all things are done according to Gods plan and decision”.

Everything that is going on is according to God’s plan and decision.

### **Prayer**

Be merciful to us oh Lord, in this time of great turmoil. Guide us, we pray. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, the same power now as it was on the day of Pentecost. The river of life flowing down from the throne of God to each one of us. On either side of the river are the trees of life whose branches are for the healing of the nations.

Remind us of your word Lord “I will protect the righteous, those who do in my name”.

Give us peace, wisdom and the power to share the Gospel with everyone we meet.

The Good News of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise to us:

“Whoever believes in me will not perish but have everlasting life”.

The Bible says “no amount of the testimony of man or even the written word can convince a person of this truth, only the power of the Holy Spirit. So we pray this prayer to all we meet “Lift up your heads you gates, you ancient doors that are blocking the Spirit from coming into these hearts”. We call upon God’s Holy Spirit to open the doors and let your kingdom in!

**AMEN**

**Last song: In Christ Alone.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCeSOY5tisI>

**Final prayer. Say out loud.**

**Lord God who watches over me, hold me in your loving arms**

**Lord Jesus, Son of God, who died for me, strengthen and protect me**

**Lord God, Holy Spirit, who guides me, lead me on**

**Amen**

**Footnotes:**

Don't forget to put on the full armour of God. Ephesians 6 v 10-18.

**We would love to know what you thought about the Worship today. Did you feel that God was with you and did you experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit? Please send your comments to: [admin@vpbc.org.uk](mailto:admin@vpbc.org.uk). Many thanks. NP.**