

## **Worship For Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 – Prepared by Neil**

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

**This is Pentecost Sunday, the day that the Holy Spirit was given to his disciples (all of us who believe). The talk today is by Lee Johnson who will be speaking about the passage that describes this amazing event documented in Acts 2. First we come to the Father to Worship.**

**Let's start with - Being clean.**

**The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-15) from The Message:**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Reveal who you are.**

**Set the world right;**

**Do what's best—**

**as above, so below.**

**Keep us alive with three square meals.**

**Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.**

**Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.**

**You're in charge!**

**You can do anything you want!**

**You're ablaze in beauty!**

**Father, Son and Spirit we pray that you would lead our thoughts and responses at this time by the power that you left us on the day of Pentecost. The same power now as it was then.**

**That we would listen to you speaking to us and not any other voice or influence.**

**We pray that we would each have an expectation of being touched and experiencing your power this morning. The same power now as it was then.**

**We pray also for an openness of heart, mind and spirit.**

**We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**This morning we are going on a short journey in time as part of our worship. From Palm Sunday, to the day of resurrection then to the upper room at Pentecost We are focussing on Jesus first because without him there would no Pentcost. Follow me:**

**Let us remember Palm Sunday when Jesus entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, hailed as King of Kings!**

**Let us praise him for who he was then.**

**Song, Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might:**

[https://www.resoundworship.org/song/holy\\_holy\\_holy\\_lord](https://www.resoundworship.org/song/holy_holy_holy_lord)

**We also sang Hosanna when Hilary told us about the Christians in North Korea as part of Prayers for the World.**

**Matthew 21: 9 says**

**'Hosanna to the Son of David!'**

**'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'**

**'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'**

**Let's continue in worship as we sing:**

**Hosanna - Hillsong**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoM0AT8fBvs>

**Let us praise him for what he did for us.**

**He died for each one of us, so that whoever believes in him will receive eternal life.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xM-fpXayUg>

**We Worship the Lamb that was slain to remove all our sins, so that we may boldly approach the Father. The curtain of the temple was torn into two. We can all enter the inner Sanctum, the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle and experience the presence of God through the Son.**

**We are no longer separated from the Father.**

**Let us PRAISE him for where he is now.**

We have a picture of this in the Bible, it is of God in heaven with Jesus on his right hand, praying for each one of us, interceding on our behalf. The Holy Spirit is described as a mighty river flowing from heaven down to each one of us who believes. On either side of the river are the trees that hold the leaves for the healing of the nations.

**Romans 8 v34**

**Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

## **Revelation 22**

**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.**

**God of Glory we exalt your Holy name, the name above all names**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dI389oZ7rWg>

**So we reach the Day of Pentecost, the day He released His power to each one of us.**

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

**2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.**

**Spirit of God, bring freedom!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDFaF6VRc2E>

**As we continue in Worship, Prayers for the World has been prepared by Jane Wright.**

Prayers for The World 31.5.20

Father God, Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit,

We lift up our whole world to you this morning. You know all that is happening in every country and what a crisis we are all living through. We pray for your protection over all the medical communities throughout the world as they care for the sick. We pray for healing and strength for all those affected by, and recovering from, Covid 19.

We pray for governments that they will be generous with resources and will be wise as they make immense decisions which affect billions of us all over the world.

We pray that all the researchers and scientists will share what they know re the corona virus and that you, Lord, will bring about the discovery of an effective and long lasting vaccine which will then be distributed fairly and equally throughout the world.

Help us all to use this time of lockdown in the best possible way. Encourage us, and help us to encourage others, in new and creative ways. Thank you for being with each one of us and for the truth that You are always near! Amen.

The following prayer is from The Methodist website:-

God of all hope we call on you today.  
We pray for those who are living in fear:  
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.  
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.  
For those people who are worried about attending worship.  
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others,  
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.  
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that  
Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.  
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

**Now let us listen to Lee Johnson.**

[https://youtu.be/Vc72\\_De45Go](https://youtu.be/Vc72_De45Go)

**In response, let us Worship the God of Creation, 100 billion X.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec>

**The power that was given on the day of Pentecost is in each one of us and we have the potential to release it as directed by that same power. To use it to further God's Kingdom as we have been commanded, to go in to all the world, heal the sick and bring the gospel to all.**

**In John 7, we read.**

**“Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water”.**

**Let us boldly reach out to each of our family and friends that we yearn to see turn to you, send them the link to the last song and pray for them.**

*Lift up your heads you gates, you ancient doors that are blocking the spirit from coming into these hearts. I command you in the mighty name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to open and let Jesus in.*

*I pray that you would lift the scales from their eyes and unblock their ears so that would see you as you really are and hear you speaking to them.*

*I pray this in Jesus Holy name*

*Amen.*

**Pray also for Shalom for each person. As we heard from Steve last week it means peace, a blessing and prosperity. It also means “may you be complete”. We can only be complete if we let God in!**

**Closing prayer.**

**Father we pray that we would look heavenward, that we would see your Kingly brightness and see the gaze of your Son, our Lord Jesus, directed both towards you and, at the same time, towards each one of us. We would see you interceding on our behalf 24/7 and for all eternity. We praise and thank you for that. We pray that though our gaze is heavenward, our actions are on this earth.**

**Amen**

**Footnote:**

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