

## **Worship Together - 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Welcome to today's worship service. I hope you are keeping well and are continuing to notice God's protection and sustaining during these weeks. I hope the message from Alex Chowdhury, and these songs and verses will help you worship, receive from God, and continue to witness to who he is and all he has done.

As you go through this sheet feel free to take time to pause and reflect or pray, sing your own songs, play instruments or dance as you feel prompted.

We start by singing 'Awake my soul', and follow it with Hallelujah Christ is risen! Let's use our heart, mind, soul and strength to worship Jesus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=roJjVAZKaUE>

[https://resoundworship.org/song/hallelujah\\_christ\\_is\\_risen](https://resoundworship.org/song/hallelujah_christ_is_risen)

Take a few moments to give thanks to God for how he has walked with you this last week.

Alex will be speaking from Matthew 5 v 6:

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'

So I got to thinking about what I hunger and I thirst for. Isaiah 55 vs 1-9 has something to say about this, and Bob Hartman has written a dramatized paraphrase of these verses which I found helpful. You might like to read it out loud or act it out if you are with someone:

[Are you thirsty?](#)

If you like you can also read the actual verses here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+55%3A1-9&version=NIV>

or listen to the whole chapter here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Isa.55>

Let's sing Behold our God:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

Psalms 85 vs 8-13 proclaims God's love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace. Richard Lyall has created some slides of these verses:

[I will listen](#)

You can also read them here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2085:8-13>

or listen to the whole Psalm here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Ps.85>

Let's sing Good good father:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c&feature=youtu.be>

Nguwasen leads us in bringing our prayers for the world to our Father God.

Watch her video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXlxE7R69vo&feature=youtu.be>

And follow along on her [accompanying PDF](#)

Before we hear Alex let's sing this prayer – 'Lord set your word in me':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C97ByUaOBdA>

Alex Chowdhury speaks to us on Matthew 5 vs 6:

His introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfUJgRUWYAc>

The reading: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p\\_A4Wpz0-Ac](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_A4Wpz0-Ac)

The talk: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i\\_NPoKhV78](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i_NPoKhV78)

The handout: [http://www.vpbc.org.uk/c19/Hungry and thirsty handout.pdf](http://www.vpbc.org.uk/c19/Hungry%20and%20thirsty%20handout.pdf)

Take a few moments to reflect on what has been said today. Is there something that you need to consider or do? Please do get in touch with the leaders if you want to discuss or pray about something with them.

As we finish let's sing 'My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness' – Cornerstone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FI15U2ifYzo>

And let's say these words together, for ourselves, for each other, and for those we will be in contact with this week.

May the Grace of God uphold you,  
the Peace of God surround you,  
the Love of God flow from you  
and the Strength of God protect you.

May God's Word be in your heart.  
May God's Word be on your lips.  
May God's Word be in your touch.  
May God's Word direct your feet.

On this day and all your days to come  
May God's Word be the life you live.