

## Welcome to Worship, Sunday 21st March 2021

Welcome everyone, this document has been prepared by Neil, with a talk by Agnita Oyawale based on the Jewish festival of Passover with a passage taken from Luke 22:7-20. Prayers for the World has been prepared by Becky Gbande.

As part of our worship you may want to put aside your regular offering and then bring it along with you when we can meet again.

**Let us pray.**

I am going to use this version of the Lord's prayer again, it is an original translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz direct from the Aramaic (highlighted in green). Liz used it last week and this week I am going to add some additional wording that has occurred to me while using this as a prayer (highlighted in blue).

Our Father in heaven:

**Father-Mother of the Cosmos, you create all that moves in  
light.**

**The light dispels darkness and the darkness shall never put it out.**

Holy is Your name

**Focus your light within us — make it useful: as the rays of a  
beacon show the way.**

**May your Word be the light that guides us.**

Your kingdom come

**Unite our "I can" to yours, so that we walk as kings and queens  
with every creature.**

**You lift us up on wings of eagles**

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

**Create in me a divine cooperation — from many selves, one voice,  
one action.**

**Let your Kingdom come**

Give us this day the food we need

**Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.**

**From Heaven, manna came.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

**Forgive our hidden past, the secret shames, as we consistently  
forgive what others hide.**

**Pray, Father forgive.**

And don't lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil

**Deceived neither by the outer nor the inner — free us to walk  
your path with joy.**

**Set free by your Grace.**

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**From you is born all ruling will, the power and life to do, the  
song that beautifies all from age to age it renews.**

**Your life adorns and beautifies, I stand complete in you.**

**Amen.**

## Focus on the light.

[\(46\) Light Of The World - Hillsong - YouTube](#)

Take a moment to prepare your heart for Worship.

Be Clean, Be Still.

### Prayer Time

As we draw closer to God in worship, let each one of us take a moment to pray for a situation or person that is on our heart right now. Take time to pray as you feel led by the Spirit.

### Creative Worship Time

At this time of Lent, focus your thoughts on what we could lay down or take up, as we read.

Matthew 16

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[1]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Is anyone else, like me, struggling to give up self? This is a life long struggle which we can only achieve with the help of the Holy Spirit. Be guided now as we worship and in the days to come.

Let the Holy Spirit guide your actions, deny self and take up your cross.

[Jesus you have called us by Joel Payne - Resound Worship](#)

Romans 5

## Peace and hope

**1** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this **grace** in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

It is by Grace that we are healed; it is by Grace that we are set free. Not by any works or deeds or by obeying the law.

[\(46\) God Of Grace, I Turn My Face - YouTube](#)

Heavenly Father, we pray, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we would grow in hope rather than despair.

Romans 8

## More than conquerors

**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. 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. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’<sup>[i]</sup>

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[k]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will

be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[\(46\) Keith & Kristyn Getty - He Will Hold Me Fast \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

## **Prayers for the World – prepared by Becky.**

[Download the prayer sheet here](#)

## **Our talk today is given by Agnita:**

The reading is from Luke 22:7-20:

### **The Last Supper**

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.'

<sup>9</sup> 'Where do you want us to prepare for it?' they asked.

<sup>10</sup> He replied, 'As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks: where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.'

<sup>13</sup> They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.'

<sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'

The talk:

<https://youtu.be/3LX9LZXjnIU>

Let us Worship together as we hear our last song.

[\(46\) God Of Glory- David Fellingham - YouTube](#)

## The Blessing.

Numbers 6:24-26 - The Message

<sup>24</sup> GOD bless you and keep you,

<sup>25</sup> GOD smile on you and gift you,

<sup>26</sup> GOD look you full in the face  
and make you prosper.

Amen.