

## BRINGING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TO YOUR HOME



Sunday 29 March 2020

**"The Leaves of the tree for the Healing of the Nations - Revelation 22**

Welcome everybody...*God is Good....all the Time...God is good*, we hope & pray that we can worship together as a church family, during these difficult times. *Reflection from Muriel*



### Prayers:

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

I've recently, but not quite completed a study for *Training For Leading Worship in the Local Context*, there was only one study day to go, but alas it was postponed. The first item I found out about Worship, was Liturgy. Services sometimes start with a **COLLECT**, which is an ancient prayer having a fairly fixed form. *Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for illuminating the scriptures to us. Open our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit and help us to lean upon you when times are rough.*

**Praise** - we offer up our praise to you, like Gareth Malone as he tries to get people singing, which is a great help through these troubled times, like the Military Wives Choir!

Almighty God, we come before you with thanks in our hearts for your grace and love. When we have fears in our personal lives, we know that you are there to ease our anxiety. When we ponder the future of our church community, we know that Jesus' life, death and resurrection will be our guiding light in even the darkest days for your church. We ask for your forgiveness your guidance, support, care and compassion. We give thanks, that your love is eternal and unconditional; and that you know our every need, before we even ask. We ask this in Jesus name.

Breathe new life into us, Your people, living God, as we approach Easter. May we journey towards Jerusalem knowing your presence, leading, guiding in these challenging times.

### Songs

#### The Lords my Shepherd - to the tune of Rowan Tree.

- The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be

I to the Hills will lift mine eyes Psalm 121

**You shall go out with joy,** And be let forth with peace, And the mountains and the hills, Will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy And the trees of the fields, Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, While you go out with joy..

**Reflection - Tree of Life** : The first tree of Life in the Bible is from the Garden of Eden. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Sin drove man from one garden. Grace brings man to an eternal Paradise. *Here is a perfect vision, which is to behold the face of our Lord.*

When I first heard about the COVID-19 and of its magnitude, the words of scripture kept running through my head were: *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 for the nations.** (Rev 22:2) As I look around, all the trees are bare, no new growth, even golfing before lockdown, at Niddry Castle the tree in the centre of a fairway normally hit by many a golf shot, it too was bare. **Could it be that the healing does not start until the leaves are on the tree?** We would certainly hope and pray that this is the case.*



### Wash our hands:

Keep your distance when socialising,

Remember one another in prayer

Give a friend or neighbour a telephone call.

**Song: We shall go out with Joy!**

*"Faith gives substance to our hopes and convinces us of realities we do not see." Hebrews 11:1*