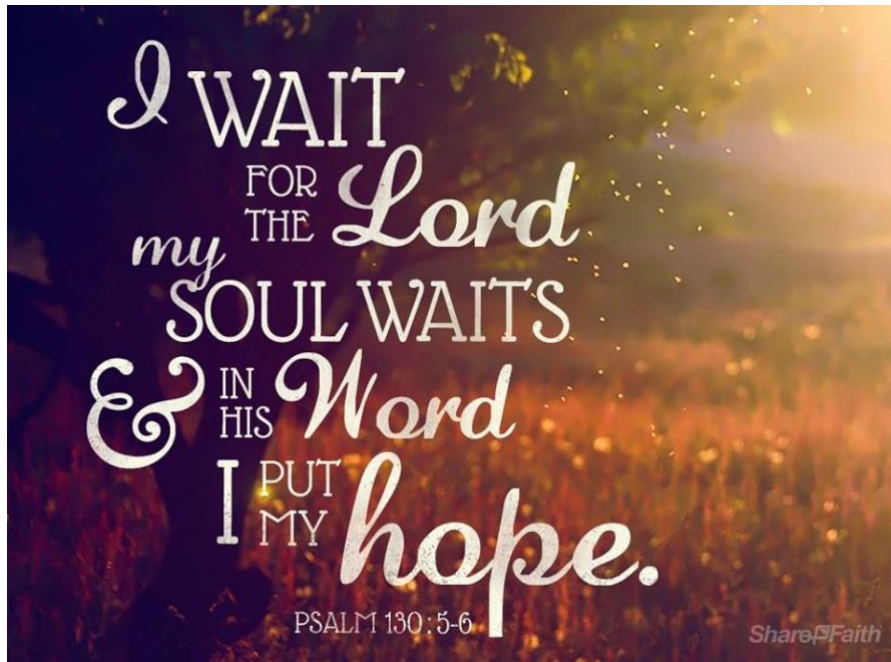


# Sunday Morning Worship

*29<sup>th</sup> March 2020*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

Loving God, we have come before you, wherever we are this morning, to worship you together.

Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Opening Worship- Be Thou My Vision*

## Confession

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,

and ignoring your will for our lives;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

**Amen.**

*Absolution*

*Psalm 130*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Listen to these words of faith and belief and affirm them in your heart.

Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
for by his will they were created  
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
**Amen.**

*Bible Reading*

*Sermon*

*Collect of the Day*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayers and Intercessions*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Father, we pray for all those in isolation and are feeling lonely and distressed.  
Be their strength and courage today.  
Empower us to live as Your hands and feet here on earth. Shape us into people  
of compassion and love for those around us.  
Give us strength in this challenging times – a sureness of purpose and a clearness  
of heart and mind.  
May we be totally set on You, Father. We pray that our minds would be set on  
the things of above.  
May we be people who clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience in these times.  
May we be people of faith and not fear, that we would build our lives on the  
Rock of our Salvation.  
In these uncertain times we lean into You and we pray that our eyes would not  
look to those things that would cause us anxiety but would look to those things  
that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable. May we focus on Your  
character which is excellent and praiseworthy and may we be even more  
grateful and thankful.

(Colossians 3 & Philippians 4)

*The Lord's Prayer*

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Closing Worship – The Goodness of God*

*Closing Prayer*

*The Lord God almighty is our Father:  
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:  
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.  
The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:  
he will lead us in God's holy way.  
To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be praise and glory today and forever.*

**Amen.**

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