

Sunday 14th June 2020

Call to worship:

Come and sing to your God
who created you and all that is
filled with the wonder of God's life
Come and sing to your God
who recreates in grace and hope
bringing healing and abundant life

Come and sing with your God
who calls you to sing songs
of mourning with those who grieve
to use your brokenness
to help the broken to mend

Come and sing with your God
whose gentle Spirit touches us
and draws us into new life
whose challenging Spirit prods us
to seek justice
and to sing angry songs
with those who have been silenced

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed;
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from earth and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.**

William Kethe (d. 1594)

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Psalm 100

Prayers:

You call us into song
creative, enlivening God
Your voice echoes through creation
singing into being all that is
drawing all that is to join your choir
and sing our praises
Awestruck we join the choir of creation
glorying in your being

You call us into song
weeping and healing God
drawing us to join in your lament
for the broken and the hurt
the downtrodden and the angry
Making us catch our breath
as we realise the depth of your love
and your amazing vision of a world
recreated
all people whole and living in their true
worth

You call us into song
swooping and convicting Spirit
to sing our praises through
songs of protest
and cries of confession
to listen to your song
in the voices of others
in shouts of anger
and fanfares of joy

You call us into song
creating, healing and convicting God
a song that can breathe life into dry bones
a song that can heal the broken
a song that brings justice and hope
May we hear your call and join your choir
Amen

You call us into song
creating, healing and convicting God
but there are times when we do not trust
the melodiousness of your music within us
when we stifle your breath
and muffle your song in our lives

You call us to listen to your song
but there are times when we fail to hear
your voice in the voices of others
when we stop our ears to the cries of those
in need
when we deafen ourselves to the shouts of
injustice.

Open our ears singing God
to hear your song
and our voices to sing with you
Help us to hear your words of love and
grace
We are your precious children
loved and cherished
forgiven and empowered
Amen

Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:14
Sermon

**Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through
us.**

***King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow,
bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.***

**Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.
*King of heaven, ...***

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**Prayers: Thuma mina
Send me Jesus...
Lead me Jesus...
Fill me Jesus...**

Offering

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

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