

Introduction To Worship

Sunday 1st November 2020 – All Saints Day / Pentecost 22



My husband, Moses and I went to the beach last Friday for the first time since February. That's that 'Spirit of Tasmania' in the distance and people were swimming. It was the day before we had all that rain.

What a wonderful surprise for everyone. We're moving out of lockdown and we can visit family within a 25KM area and go to a nearby beach. It's a joyful time for many and a sigh of relief for many others. I'd also like to say Go Tigers! Last weekend Fran and myself celebrated Richmond's big win at the Grand Final. Joyce Richmond who supports 'Geelong, Go Cats!' was not so happy. It was a great game and both teams did well to be in the Grand Final.

This week we are also video recording a communion worship service and because I'm on leave next week I've extended the sermon in the written materials (extra bit is in a box), to provide further stories & reflections. The recorded version of the sermon will be shorter. For the following week, you are encouraged to also re-use any previous written or video worship resource from the last 7 months.

<https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html>

I hope this week's written resources and recorded service sustain you over the coming next two weeks.

So far five people have expressed interest in the Tuesday morning advent studies. I'll keep you posted as we adjust to the ever-changing restrictions. We will need to limit the advent study groups to ten people to take into account social distancing. If there is enough interest, we will proceed with a Wednesday afternoon group.

I'll keep you posted about the contemplative pastoral gathering. I'm waiting on the latest UCA guidelines.

Today we celebrate 'All Saints Sunday' and remember all those who have gone before us, who we remember and love and miss. Please remember and pray for the following people who have recently passed away and their families:

Margaret Edgington
Ruth Lesley Ricketson
Leonie Martenstyn

Blessings
Rev Tina



Mountview Uniting Church

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Sermon on the Mount – Fritz von Uhde, 2nd version

Welcome To Our Service

We are journeying towards a new church year, a time of advent waiting, as we look forward to Christmas, which will be one of the most meaningful times for us and our families, as we, God willing, emerge out of a second lockdown, with hope and faith for time we will celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place.
We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.



Call To Worship

See what love the Father has given us
That we should be called children of God

And that is what we are
We will bless the Lord at all times

His praise will be continually in our mouths
Let the humble be glad and rejoice

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You – Helen Jackson [2:35]

https://youtu.be/e_tzelwBAIE

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And the hymn's lyrics are also printed on the next page for you

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
 God of glory, God of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before you
 opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
 earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
 stars and angels sing around you,
 centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 singing bird and flowing fountain
 call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean-depth of happy rest.
 You our Father, Christ our brother,
 all are yours who live in love;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to your joy above.



Prayers Of Adoration, Invocation And Confession

From Psalm 34

I will bless you Lord at all times
 As your beloved child I'll bless you day and night
 My praise for you will be on my lips at all times
 My soul boasts in you
 I will exalt you O Lord

When I sought you, you answered me
 You delivered me from my fears, isolation and loneliness
 I look to you and will never be ashamed
 I cried out to you and you delivered me

I will praise you forever

Jesus my Lord
 You called me to be poor in spirit
 Meek and merciful
 A peacemaker and to hunger and thirst to be close to God
 You Lord made all this possible by showing me the way
 By calling me
 By being my exemplar
 By promising I'd become a child of God
 By comforting me
 By promising me the kingdom and eternal life where I will see God
 I will follow you all the days of my life

I will praise you forever

Holy Spirit
 Dwelling within my heart and soul
 You open my mind and heart to God
 You lead me on the Lord's paths
 Come Holy Spirit, Come
 and make my heart burn, when I hear God's Word
I will praise you forever

Lord, we come before you knowing we are a forgiven people
 If we have not loved our neighbour as ourself
 and have hurt them, forgive us
 if we have been hurt by our neighbour, give us the grace to forgive them
 Lord we come to you, with all that's on our hearts
 In this moment of silence restore us, forgive us, transform our hearts O Lord

Silence

Hear then Christ's words of grace
 "Your sins are forgiven"
Thanks be to God

Hymn – Lord The Light (Shine Jesus Shine) – Helen Jackson [4:44]

<https://youtu.be/dVz73th6EAY>

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Hymn: Jesu, Lover Of My Soul — (From a British Christian music programme) [2:49]

<https://youtu.be/XFaiPv-Q6I>

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Scripture Readings

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 Sometimes an alternate text source (a paraphrase) is used to aid with study and reflection.*

Revelation 7: 9-17

7:9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 7:10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 7:11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 7:12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 7:13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 7:15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 7:16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 7:17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 John 3: 1-3

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3:3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 5:2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Helen Jackson [2:42]

<https://youtu.be/i2iatGW1IPU>

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For The Young At Heart

*The story of Kojo from 'One Hen' by Katie Smith Milway & Eugenie Fernandes (illustrator)
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Kojo, a small boy and his mother lived in Ghana, West Africa and they survived by gathering and selling firewood. One day Kojo is given a small loan of money and he buys a hen, so his mother and he can have eggs to eat. Soon there are extra eggs and Kojo sells them at the market. With the profits he buys more hens and eventually he has enough money left over to pay for his school fees. After he finishes school, he borrows more money, enough to buy a poultry farm where he hires workers and pays taxes that improves his community.

He marries and raises a family and employs 120 people who bring their families with them and they earn enough to buy their own livestock. People come to open shops and sell things to the workers and a town grows. People come to Kojo asking for a small loan to build a mill, and many other business ventures.

Kojo's story is based on the story of Kwabena Darko. I googled his name and he is now known as Rev. Dr. Kwabena Darko, entrepreneur, minister of religion and former politician, also known as the "Poultry King".

There is a movement throughout third world nations where microlending organisations are changing the world by offering small loans to people like Kojo.

Sermon – ‘We Are God’s Children’

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen



This is a photo the Qumran caves where the dead sea scrolls were found, including fragments of the gospels, with the Beatitudes. I was in a bus that drove past the caves during the early 1990's and you can see how inaccessible they are which explains how the scrolls survived for so long and weren't discovered until the 1950's. When the scrolls were written, society embraced cultural values based on honour and shame from Greek and Roman cultures. These values still exist today in some cultures and are known to sometimes encourage violence, such as domestic violence and honour killings. The Beatitudes call God's people to embrace countercultural values. They are a blueprint for Christian values. Blessed means happy and being in a good place. The beatitudes say happy are you, which is a commendation, a congratulation, a statement to the effect that a person is in a good place, a good situation which means the beatitudes are commendations for a good life. The beatitudes are about the character of God's true people and offer a portrait of a happy person. They are a pocket guide to life in the kingdom, which is here and now, where God's faithful are humbly dependent on God's protection, where God is like a mother hen sheltering her chicks under her wings.

This means the poor in Spirit are happy, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poverty of spirit is about our relationship with God, our orientation towards God who is central in our life.

When we know we need God we find ourselves dwelling in God's kingdom.

When we can trust God and surrender ourselves into God's care, we discover the kingdom is within us.

But, how can we say "Happy are those who mourn, for thy will be comforted. How can someone who has lost a loved one be happy and in a good place? Someone who mourns is not happy and may grieve for the rest of their life, because they miss their loved one. Perhaps there is some happiness in being comforted by God and loved ones. Of being cared for rather than being wretched and alone. Perhaps there is comfort in knowing better times will return in the future and the sun will come out again. Many people want to celebrate their loved one's life when they die, especially when they've lived a long life and remember their loved one's life, with all its joys and giving. The greatest compliment is, 'I never heard them say a bad word about anyone.' Other times we may wonder what it's like for those who die? That final letting go and passing into God's loving arms. Henry Nouwen said that to care for the dying is to say, 'Don't be afraid. Remember that you are the beloved child of God. He will be there when you make your long jump. Don't try to grab him; he will grab you. Just stretch out your arms and hands and trust, trust, trust.' Perhaps this surrender is about trust and becoming more like a child of God, where there is nothing to fear. Let us give thanks for our brave saints who have gone before us and are happy at home with God, who have surrendered into God's love.

I used to bless the fleet for Nillumbik Council around Christmas. All the CFA fire trucks would line up on the lawn of the council offices with their fire chiefs and gather for prayers and speeches and to receive money from the council to support their work. They faced the possibility of death every time they went out to fight bushfires and their attitude was, 'You never know when your number is up.'

They supported one another with regular get togethers, with BBQ's and sharing stories.
Every year a fireman would read out the following prayer.

A Fireman's Prayer

*When I am called to duty God whenever flames may rage
Give me strength to save some life whatever be its age
Help me embrace a little child before it's too late
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me
To guard my every neighbour and protect their property
And if according to my fate I am to lose my life
Please bless with your protecting hand my family and my child.*

Anon

The next two beatitudes are about justice, fairness and compassion. Jesus said the meek are happy because they will inherit the earth. He spoke of those who are gentle, whose lives are affected by powerlessness and who are disadvantaged and who choose not to respond in kind to unfair aggressive treatment. We wonder about the fairness of a world where the rich and powerful rule, and the meek seem at a disadvantage. I used to wonder whether the meek have a voice, then I heard someone say, "try sleeping with a mosquito". The meek have a voice. We as Australians admire the underdog and those who overcome great difficulties to achieve a goal that benefits others and creates legacies. Values in society such as justice, fairness and compassion speak about who inherits the earth. It is not the rich and powerful. It is the meek and this reversal that Jesus often speaks of is at the core of some of our most important values as Australians.

"Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. God puts right what is wrong and when we live the way God requires, we are blessed. That is our hope. The beatitudes are a road map to how we embrace the kingdom values and rewards. Jesus said, 'my food is to do the will of the one who sent me'. The metaphor of hunger and thirst is about not depending on food but on every word that comes from God that fills us and satisfy our hunger and thirst to be close to God and in right relationship with God. "Happy are the merciful, for they will receive mercy". Mercy includes a generous attitude and willingness to see things from another's perspective and to be not quick to take offence or take revenge. Mercy is loving and understanding another's pain may make them act in ways that go against their core values and the ones that Jesus taught us.

We are happy when we are pure in heart, for we will see God. When we sing the hymn 'Immortal Invisible', we know in our hearts what it means to have a pure heart. We want to see God, yet we know we will only have a glimpse of God in this life, a foretaste of seeing God, until one day we will see God in heaven, face to face. We have a reassuring image from Rev 7:17 of the Lamb at the centre of the throne being our shepherd, who will guide us to springs of the water of life and wipe away our tears.



From Iona, Scotland

Today I'll spend a little time reflecting about peacemakers. Jesus said happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. The hymn, 'Make me a channel of your peace' has inspired many generations. It's based on the prayer of St Francis, the son of a wealthy man who gave everything up to respond to God's call to work amongst the poor and disadvantaged. He prayed to become an instrument of God's peace, to sow love, pardon, faith, hope, light, and bring joy in the midst of sadness. To console, understand others, love others, give and pardon and know when he died, he would be born into eternal love.

That was the focus of his prayer.

I found two YouTubes about Susan Boyle. In one she sings, 'Make me a channel of your peace.' Originally she sang, 'I Dreamed A Dream' and became famous, but unfortunately she found the instant fame overwhelming and had several meltdowns when the pressure became too much. She said she originally sang for her parents and to try and do something in her life. She said to people, 'If I can do it you can do it.'

In the second YouTube, an interview from 'A Current Affair', Susan speaks about coming from a small village in Scotland as a raw rookie with no tools to deal with instant fame and people who didn't like tall poppies who mistreated her. After being diagnosed with Asperger's, with a high IQ, Susan said this is nothing to be ashamed of and she would do her best to be the voice of people who are the underdog in society.

I invite you to watch the two YouTubes at the end of this reflection.

A characteristic of God's people is to seek peace and pursue it and make peace by bringing people together, especially those estranged from one another. This is costly peacemaking and involves overcoming the natural desire to look for advantage or retribution, which was common behaviour in Jesus time and still is in some places in our world. Perhaps as we age, we come to know and accept our mortality and try to make our peace with people who we have wronged or who have wronged us in some way. Perhaps making peace with others before it's too late and we're dead, fits in with the beatitudes: 5:9.

Of course there are times when it's not sensible to approach someone and make our peace with them and it's better to pray for the grace to hand that person over to God.



Jesus and the children

Peacemakers are called God's children. Becoming like a child doesn't mean becoming childish. It means being childlike, with the qualities of a child, which are a pure heart, kind, open, playful, trusting, joyful, meek, generous, accepting, not holding grudges, and loving. Perhaps that's what Jesus wants from all of us and it's what the beatitudes are about. Years ago, I hoped to meet a holy person on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. One day we went into the desert at Petra and there was a family of Nabateans living in a cave, the ancient people of that land. Once there had been thousands of families living in the old ruins and caves, but the government moved them into housing. The mother, father, with two children were the last family living there and the little girl came up to me and took my hand.

Later she sold me a tiny copper cross for one US dollar.

I didn't think anything of it and popped it in my wallet, because I'd paid money for it. I found it after returning home and realised the little girl was the holy person I'd hoped to meet and I was called to be like her, a child of God as we all are called.



Hymn: Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace – Susan Boyle [5:27]

<https://youtu.be/jOvQLMfppN8>

*Composer: Sebastian Temple 1928– ; Lyrics based on an anonymous prayer c.1900;
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Interview: The diagnosis that changed Susan Boyle's life – A Current Affair [11:17]

<https://youtu.be/mFceNpw3APk>

Posted to YouTube by A Current Affair

Offering Prayer

about offering up ourselves and giving thanks to God for all we have

**Lord and giver of every good thing
we bring to you our lives and gifts for your kingdom
all for transformation through your grace and love
made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour, amen**

Prayers Of The People And The Lord's Prayer

John Gerrand has prepared the Prayers of the people for you today

Loving and caring God, we bring to you our prayers for others. All people of the world need your care and guidance Lord, but today we particularly bring before you our prayers for the people of Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

We give thanks for:

- the amazing diversity of people and cultures living on the islands of Oceania
- the magnificent natural scenery and sea life
- the strong, faithful presence of churches in these lands
- the stories and bold witness to the impact of climate change, reminding the rest of the world that we are all in the same 'boat' on this planet, 70 percent of which is covered by the ocean.

We pray for:

- efforts to preserve these island nations in the midst of rising seas
- those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones
- those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today
- good governance – especially in preserving indigenous cultures – which effectively serves those who are impoverished, hungry, lacking education or unable to make a living.

In our ecumenical prayer cycle we remember today your people worshipping and serving at Crossway Baptist, Burwood East. Crossway Baptist ministers to people from a range of ethnic backgrounds, offering many varied worship, teaching and support programs in the community. We ask for your guidance and blessing of their program, that the various aspects of it will engage many in the community, and bring them into a closer relationship with you, Lord, and with the fellowship of the church.

Within the Uniting Church we pray today for the worship and work of the Preston and Preston (Macedonian) congregations. As your people work for you through these congregations, we seek your guidance and a sense of possibility so that they can be your hands of love where they are in their particular circumstances. But also may they experience the confidence and peace of knowing that this is your world and that you are in it and with us for all time.

We pray, too, for students and staff of the Pilgrim Theological College. Give the staff an inspired understanding of your word and your way for us in the world, we pray. Encourage students in their commitment to you, we ask, as they prepare to be leaders and interpreters of the Word in the faith communities in which they will minister.

Here at Mountview we seek your blessing on our people, on our worship and our work together.
We ask your blessing on Rev Tina Lyndon as she serves you in her ministry at Mountview.
May this be a time of encouragement and growth for us all.

We pray especially today for... (name the people currently on your heart)

We pray these things in our Saviour's name, praying the words that he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

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

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.



'Candle Prayers' will be said today during the recorded worship service

Please include Jan Gerrand in your prayers. Ed.

Hymn: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing – Helen Jackson [3:15]

<https://youtu.be/YH2XkiUDV2c>

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Holy Communion (recorded) / Communion @ Home

*This Sunday you are welcome to receive communion during the recorded service, or use the Communion @ Home resource.
The worship for 'Communion @ Home' is in a separate document. [Link to Communion @ Home](#)*



Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
Wherever he may send you

May the Lord guide you through the wilderness
And protect you through the storm

May the Lord bring you home rejoicing
At the wonders he has shown you

May he bring you home rejoicing
Once again into our doors

Dismissal

Go out into the world in the power of the spirit
In all things at all times remember Christ is with you.

Make your life your worship to the praise and glory of God.

Amen

Hymn: You Shall Go Out With Joy (Trees Of The Field) – Helen Jackson [1:53]

<https://youtu.be/vsxtUob-bs>

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You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace,
 and the mountains and hills shall break forth in singing.
 There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field
 shall clap, shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
 and you'll go out with joy.



I have provided extra resources to accompany you on the journey. Rev Tina

Extra Worship Resources



I've included extra resources this week. I hope you find them a blessing.

Being Human

Whitehorse churches, including our church at Mountview will be providing hampers for the Victoria Police to hand out to families doing it tough this Christmas. Pray for those who are having a difficult time and financially support the Centre 81 team by donating food or money.

Contact Jill Kidd for more details or refer to the noticesheets over the past few weeks.

A story for 'All Saints Sunday' by Henry Nouwen

“The Flying Rodeighs are trapeze artists who perform in the German circus Simoneit-Barum. When the circus came to Freiburg two years ago, my friends Franz and Reny invited me and my father to see the show.

I will never forget how enraptured I became when I first saw the Rodeighs move through the air, flying and catching as elegant dancers. The next day, I returned to the circus to see them again and introduced myself to them as one of their great fans.

They invited me to attend their practice sessions, gave me free tickets, asked me to dinner, and suggested I travel with them for a week in the near future. I did, and we became good friends.

One day, I was sitting with Rodleigh, the leader of the troupe, in his caravan, talking about flying. He said, 'As a flyer, I must have complete trust in my catcher. The public might think that I am the great star of the trapeze, but the real star is Joe, my catcher. He has to be there for me with split-second precision and grab me out of the air as I come to him in the long jump.' 'How does it work?' I asked. 'The secret,' Rodleigh said, 'is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to Joe, I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron behind the catchbar.' 'You do nothing!' I said, surprised. 'Nothing,' Rodleigh repeated. 'The worst thing the flyer can do is to try to catch the catcher. I am not supposed to catch Joe. It's Joe's task to catch me. If I grabbed Joe's wrists, I might break them, or he might break mine, and that would be the end for both of us. A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him.' When Rodleigh said this with so much conviction, the words of Jesus flashed through my mind: 'Father into your hands I commend my Spirit.' Dying is trusting in the catcher. To care for the dying is to say, 'Don't be afraid. Remember that you are the beloved child of God. He will be there when you make your long jump. Don't try to grab him; he will grab you. Just stretch out your arms and hands and trust, trust, trust.' Perhaps this surrender is about trust and becoming more like a child of God, where there is nothing to fear."

The Saints Are Standing Row On Row

*From 'Imaging the Word', An Arts and Lectionary Resource, Vol 3, United Church Press
Anon – translated from Dutch by Gracia Grindal*

The saints are standing row on row
Engulfed in light and peace
Stand face to face with God their King
Whose love will never cease

King David sings with harp and lyre
He's cantor of the town
And Mary sings Magnificat
Before her lowborn son

Now Simeon begins his song
With tambourine and drum
While Miriam and Hannah sing
Ta-rum, ta-rum, ta-rum

And Luther sings just like a swan
While John Sebastian Bach
The great, great, Bach directs the choir.....

There's Louis Armstrong with his horn
And Israel with its psalms
The pious take their usual place
And gravely wave their palms

From every nation they have come
To sing in this great choir
Their music raises up to God
Whose face is like a fire

Where Is Joy?

from 'Celtic Daily Prayer', Book 2, Northumbria Community Trust

As the hand is made for holding
And the eye for seeing,
You have fashioned us for joy
Share with us the vision that
Shall find it everywhere

And, when our song of joy dies down to silence
Come, hold our powerlessness with love!
Then shall our fear be gone
And our feet set on a radiant path

Psalm 8 – A Psalm Of Praise. Praise God Every Day. It Is Good For The Soul

8:1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

8:4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

8:5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

8:6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

8:7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8:8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

8:9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Lord, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
We are loved and not only that, all creatures of God are loved.



A little poem addressed to a Cicada, by Anacreon 6th Century BC (secular poem)

Cicadas have been around for somewhere between 40 million and 200 million years

We call you happy, cicada,
When up on the treetops
After you have drunk a little dew
You sing like a king
Yours are all the things
You can see in the fields
All the woods produce
You are honoured by all people
Sweet prophet of summer
The muses love you



A Bedtime Prayer

from 'Celtic Daily Prayer', Book 2, Northumbria Community Trust

Lord, you have always given
Bread for the coming day
And though I am poor
Today I believe

Lord, you have always given
Strength for the coming day
And though I am weak
Today I believe

Lord, you have always given
Peace for the coming day
And though of anxious heart
Today I believe

Lord, you have always kept
Me safe in trials

And now, tried as I am
Today I believe

Lord, you have always marked
The road for the coming day,
And though it may be hidden
Today I believe

Lord, you have always lightened
This darkness of mine
And though the night is here
Today I believe

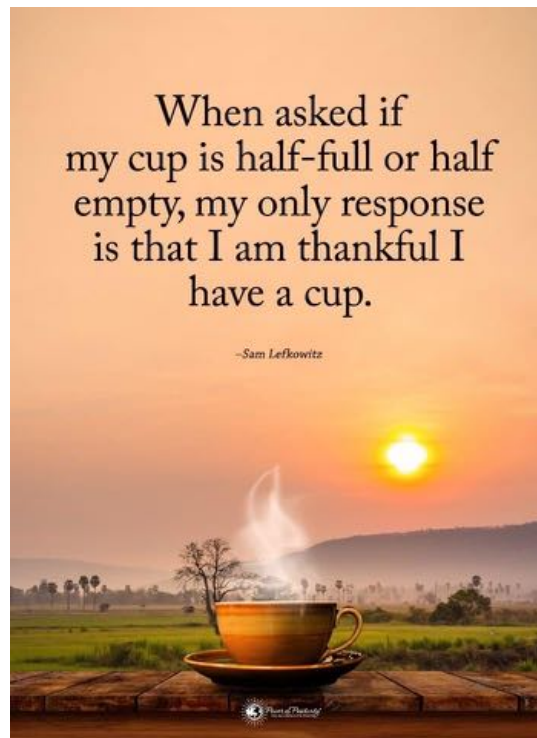
Lord, you have always spoken
When time is ripe
And though you be silent now
Today I believe

Rhododendrons

An Old Blessing

*from 'Celtic Daily Prayer', Book 2, Northumbria
Community Trust*

Let nothing disturb thee
Nothing affright thee
All things are passing
God never changeth!
Patient endurance attaineth to all things
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting
Alone God sufficeth



From Contemplative Monk

The Lord's Prayer

Churches throughout the world have united to say the Lord's Prayer daily, especially during the time of COVID-19 when there have been over 44 Million cases and 1 Million deaths and increasing. Pray also for a vaccine.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Rev Tina, for Mountview Uniting Church

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<https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html>

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