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BIBLE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

BIBLE TALK

The glory of faith

from Paul Jenkins

Our closing song is a confident prayer that all peoples may praise the name of Jesus.

SONG

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

May the peoples praise...

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise...

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise...

CLOSING PRAYER

Watch the video as Rich closes our service in prayer.

That's the end of our service but do link up now with others from Emmanuel!



Sunday 26 July 2020

Welcome to today's virtual service!

For each person in your home, you'll need a copy of this service sheet, a bible, print outs of the children's sheets (if needed) and your computer or tablet connected to Emmanuel's website.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Watch the video of Rich's welcome and intro.

Lets begin our service by praising for his goodness and love.

SONG

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
his love endures forever.
For He is good, he is above all things:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm:
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful; forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever. (repeat)
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun:
his love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

BITESIZE

Rich explains what is happening at Emmanuel over the summer, and recommends some resources to help us keep growing in faith.

Our next song reminds us of how God works through faith.

SONG

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand;
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward,
till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth.

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

BIBLE READING – Isaiah 49:5-7

Jesus came to save his people Israel, and not just them but all people who have faith in him. This was described by the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years in advance:

And now the LORD says –
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength –
he says:

'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

This is what the LORD says –
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel –
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:

'Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

BITESIZE 2

Watch the video to catch up on news from our mission partners Larry and Sinead Norman.

PRAYERS

Say aloud the prayers that are printed below.

Father God, thank you for Larry and Sinead and their work in Leipzig. Thank you that restrictions have been lifted there and they are able to meet as a church once more. And thank you that the Interaction Youth Camp is able to go ahead this week. Please help them in their preparation, so that the preaching will help the young people to grasp the good news about Jesus. Please will you protect them all this week. Keep Larry and Sinead rejoicing in Jesus, and help them as they get ready to become parents in September.

We thank you too for the gradual lifting of restrictions in this country so that we are better able to enjoy the summer. Please grant us times of rest and refreshment over the holiday period. May we be a blessing to friends and family as we are able to see them again. And please help us to keep growing in faith over this time. Help us to grow in confidence in Jesus our rock in good times and bad.

We do pray Father for an end to this virus and the suffering that it is causing. Please will attempts to find a vaccine be successful. Please will you give wisdom to our government in all the difficult decisions they face. Please may it be possible for us to meet again as a church soon.

But we thank you that you are at work in all circumstances. And we pray you will use this situation to bring many people to know about Jesus. Help us to make the most of every opportunity to speak about him to others. Please use our virtual services, and especially our service on 16 August, to honour Jesus and save people who don't yet know him.

We ask all of this in Jesus' name, Amen.

We have no right to expect God to save us, but he shows us grace love and mercy all the same.

SONG

I don't deserve to be your servant
and how much less to be your child.
Anger and wrath, sure condemnation,
should be my portion, my just reward.
Never have seen it, never will know it.
Your loving kindness enfolds my life.

*All you have shown me is grace, love and mercy.
Now and forever, I am your child.
Freely you pour out your loving kindness.
Father of grace, you welcome me in.*

All of the sin I have committed
was placed upon your righteous Son.
And now you see me through his perfection,
as if I'd never done any wrong.
Always forgiven, always accepted,
no fear of judgment before your throne.