



In our closing song we tell Jesus that there is nothing greater than knowing Him.

SONG

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own;
all I once thought gain, I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness;
and I love you Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you...

Oh to know the power of your risen life,
and to know you in your sufferings;
to become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die!

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you...

CLOSING PRAYER from Richard Hopkins

Know that God is good

Want more of God

Want to grow

Sunday 03 January 2021

Happy New Year & 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

Watch the video of Richard's welcome.

In our opening song, we remind ourselves of how faithful God is.

SONG

Lord I come before your throne of grace
I find rest in Your presence
and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder
I behold Your face,
singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'

*What a faithful God have I,
what a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I, faithful in every way.*

Lord of mercy, you have heard my cry;
through the storm You're the beacon,
my song in the night.
In the shelter of your wings,
hear my heart's reply,
singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'

What a faithful God have I...

Lord all sovereign,
granting peace from heaven,
let me comfort those who suffer
with the comfort you have given.
I will tell of your great love
for as long as I live,
singing, 'What a faithful God have I.'

What a faithful God have I...

BITESIZE

Bitesize gold!

BIBLE READING from Jude 20-25

"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

In our next song, we thank Christ that He is always with us, no matter what we are going through.

SONG

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How he left His home in glory
For the cross of Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's path I often tread,
But His presence still is with me;
By His guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then he'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me;
Sing it with his saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

PRAYERS

Loving heavenly Father,
At the beginning of this New Year, we commit ourselves afresh to you. We thank you for your incredible goodness to us which never fails. We thank you that even though we do not know what this year will hold, we know that you do. And we know that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. So please help us to trust you in all that lies ahead of us this year. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
Thank you that in you, we are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Holy Spirit. We pray that it will soon be possible for all of us to meet together safely as your family. We long to be able to meet together, but in the meantime, please help us to make the most of virtual services and all of our different groups on Zoom. May they build us up and encourage us in our faith in you. **Amen**

Holy Spirit,
Please would you be at work in us. This year, may each of us grow in our relationship with you who lives within us, with Jesus, our Saviour, and with God, our Father. Please would you help us to resist all that is wrong, and to embrace everything that is good, so that God may be glorified through us. **Amen.**

Loving Lord,
We pray for our mission partner, Rachel Chard in her work reaching international students with the good news of Jesus. Thank you for the opportunities you have given her to train and encourage others in reaching the hardest to reach students. Thank you for the quality time you have given Rachel and her colleagues with some students and the opportunity to talk deeply about faith. We pray for fresh opportunities in January with international students arriving in the UK. And we pray that you will enable Rachel and her husband Andrew to walk closely with you each day and that you will guide them concerning Andrew's long-term employment. **Amen.**

All-powerful Lord,
We pray for an end to coronavirus, not just for ourselves but for all countries of the world. We know that every person has been made by you and made in your image. We pray for those treating those most ill with coronavirus. Please would you strengthen them

and help them in their work. And we pray that this pandemic may cause people right across the world to reach out to you and find you. We ask all our prayers in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

And we say together the Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen**

In our next song we ask the Holy Spirit to be at work with us.

SONG

Holy Spirit, living breath of God
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth.
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.