

In our closing two songs we commit ourselves to serve Christ.

SONGS

From heaven you came helpless babe
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' he said.

This is our God, the Servant King...

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King...

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King...

King of Kings, majesty
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you.
Love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!

Your majesty, I can but bow...

CLOSING PRAYER *from Brian Kruger*

SERMON NOTES Ephesians 6:1-9

When you serve, serve Christ

When you lead, serve Christ



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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 Brian's welcome.

We begin our service by reminding ourselves of the wonderful news that Jesus save everyone who trusts in Him.

SONG

We have heard a joyful sound: Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around, Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land
Climb the steeps and cross the waves
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command, Jesus saves!

*He saves, he saves, Christ Jesus is alive.
His cross and grave become our victory cry!
He saves, he saves, be reconciled to God
Tell the nations Jesus saves.*

Sing above the battle's strife, Jesus saves!
By his death and endless life Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom
When the heart for mercy craves
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb, Jesus saves!

He saves, he saves, Christ Jesus is alive...

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free
Highest hills and deepest caves
This our song of victory: Jesus saves!

He saves, he saves, Christ Jesus is alive....

BITESIZE

In our bitesize we hear from the Crooks' family about their experiences of lockdown.

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In our first bible reading we hear about the amazing way Jesus served his friends.

READING John 13:1-5 & 12-17

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ”

“When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

In response to God's wonderful gift of Jesus we commit to follow Him for the whole of our lives.

SONG

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

BITESIZE 2

In our next Bitesize Rich catches up with our mission partners Debs & Luke, from Crossteach.

PRAYERS

Loving Father,
We thank you very much for the work of Debs and Luke at Crossteach. Thank you for everything they have just shared with us. We pray with them that it will soon be possible for them to be back in schools, teaching about Jesus. Help them to persevere in this time when everything is online. We pray for lasting fruit from their work. We pray for the necessary finances for their work this year. And we thank you for the gift that has been given to grow the work of Crossteach in the East Midlands. We pray for great wisdom to know how best to use it. **Amen.**

Dear Lord,
We pray for our children and young people. Thank you for eKids session earlier this morning. Please encourage each child and young person who is part of the Emmanuel family in their relationship with you. Please sustain them, in this time of schools only being open for some children. We pray that it will soon be possible for all children and young people to be in school safely. **Amen.**

Dear Father,
We pray for parents who are having to juggle work commitments with caring for children at home. Please help parents in the Emmanuel family. May they know your grace and would the peace of Christ be evident in all our homes. **Amen.**

Loving Lord,
We pray for the work of Emmanuel church members. Please help those in paid employment to serve you as they do their work. Please help those in positions of authority and responsibility to care well for others. We pray for those who are looking for work or have been furloughed for them to be able to trust you in this difficult time. And we pray for those who have been prevented from working because of the pandemic for you to comfort them and encourage them. Please may all of us honour you in all that we do. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Before we hear from God's word we ask the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that Jesus is praised.

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.

In the next video Helen introduces the children's material for today, Rosie reads the bible passage which Rich then speaks on.

BIBLE TALK
Ephesians 6:1-9

by Rich Adam