

*Rejoice!
Come and lift your hands and raise your voice;
He is worthy of all praise, Rejoice!
Sing the mercies of your King
And with trembling, rejoice.*

We are children of the promise,
The beloved of the Lord.
Won with everlasting kindness,
Bought with sacrificial blood.
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go.

Rejoice...

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
Turning tragedy to triumph,
Turning agony to praise,
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed.

Rejoice!
When you cry to Him, He hears your voice;
He will wipe away your tears, Rejoice!
In the midst of suffering, He will help you sing

Rejoice...

CLOSING PRAYER

SERMON NOTES Psalm 13

Bring your sorrows to God...

...yet always rejoice in him



Sunday 11 April 2021

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 Colin's welcome.

We begin our service by blessings God's name, regardless of our current circumstances.

SONG

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful.
Where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say...*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's 'all as it should be',
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be your name.

Every blessing...

You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

BITESIZE

Toni interviews Rachel, one of our church members.

Romans 5 reminds us of why we can rejoice even in times of suffering.

READING from Romans:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Our next song encourages us to take all our sorrows to Jesus in prayer.

SONG

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear.

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged.
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness.
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge.
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll shield and take you.
You will find a solace there.

Mighty Saviour, you have promised
you will all our burdens bear.
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
all to you in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory we shall see you.
Endless worship without care.
But 'til then we have a foretaste
as we come to you in prayer.

In our next video Brian Davies leads us in prayer.

PRAYERS

led by Brian Davies

Before we come to look at Psalm 13, our next song reminds us of the hope we have in times of suffering
SONG

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away.
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me
in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine
when I behold his face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied,
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.

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

BIBLE TALK

Psalm 13

by Paul Jenkins

In our closing two songs we seek to bring our sorrows to God, yet always rejoice in him.

SONGS

There is strength within the sorrow,
There is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning,
With a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting -
You're sanctifying us;
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust.

*Your plans are still to prosper,
You have not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
You're faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand Your ways?
Reigning high above the Heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace.
You're the lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me,
And Your promises are my delight.

Even what the enemy means for evil,
You turn it for our good;
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley, You are faithful,
You're working for our good;
You're working for our good and for Your glory.
(repeat)

Your plans are still...

Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder, full of fear;
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near,
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love.