

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

by Paul Jenkins

## SERMON NOTES Acts 2:42-47

### **Be committed to Jesus and His word**

### **Be committed to Jesus' people and our common life**



### **Sunday 30 May 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 as Paul welcomes us.

*We have so much to praise Jesus for! Let's praise him now!*

## SONG

Come people of the risen king  
who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change,  
and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands -  
find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing -  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age:  
'our God is all in all!'

## BITESIZE

*Paul catches up with our next Christianity Explored leaders, Sam and Ruth Strain.*

*In our first bible reading we hear about what Jesus has done and is doing for his people.*

**READING** from Ephesians 2:18-22

“For through Jesus we both (Jews & Gentiles) have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

*In our next song we celebrate being God’s people.*

## SONG

Before the world began, God made a masterplan  
To bring all things together under one head  
That head is Jesus Christ, who died and rose to life  
And now he’s seated at the right hand of God

Once we were dead in sin  
Now we are raised with him  
By grace we’re saved, through faith  
In Jesus alone  
Part of his body now, united by his power  
Joined with his people all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?  
He washed us clean with his word  
He chose us to be on his team  
We are more loved than we could dream  
We’ve got good news, shout it out  
You’ve got to hear what it’s all about  
No-one’s too far away to be  
Welcomed into God’s family*

Speaking the truth in love to build the body up  
We serve each other using gifts from the King  
We pray for unity so everyone will see  
God’s plan in action in his people today

*We are the church, have you heard...*

One Lord, one faith, one God, one Father,  
One body, one Spirit, we are one in Christ!  
One hope, one truth, one cross, one Saviour,  
One mission, one future, we are one in Christ!

*We are the church, have you heard....*

**PRAYERS** led by Alex & Becci Bitsios-Esposito  
& 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**

*Before we look at our passage today let’s praise Jesus,  
who God has made both Lord and Christ.*

## SONG

Jesus is Lord  
the cry that echoes through creation;  
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God,  
the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Jesus is Lord -  
whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.  
Jesus the Man,  
who washed our feet, who bore our suffering  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord -  
the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid,  
the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' -

a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
as He returns, and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,  
the Judge of all will take His children home.

*In the next video Ruth introduces the children’s  
material for today, Ellen reads the bible passage which  
Richard then speaks on.*

## BIBLE TALK

by Richard Hopkins

Acts 2:42-47

*In our closing songs we thank Jesus that we have his  
word and that we are part of his people.*

## SONGS

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you than he has said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
in poverty’s vale or abounding in wealth,  
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
as days may demand, shall your strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with you. Oh be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you, my only design:  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes.  
The soul, though all Hell should endeavour to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!