

## Virtual Service 2 8 20

**Praise:** Psalm 121

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes,  
from whence doth come mine aid.

2 My safety cometh from the Lord,  
who heaven and earth hath made.

3 Thy foot he'll not let slide,  
nor will he slumber that thee keeps.

4 Behold, he that keeps Israel,  
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

5 The Lord thee keeps,  
the Lord thy shade on thy right hand doth stay:

6 The moon by night thee shall not smite,  
nor yet the sun by day.

7 The Lord shall keep thy soul;  
he shall preserve thee from all ill.

8 Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep for ever will.

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**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

**Reading:** John 14:1-14

1“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4And you know the way to where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

12“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If you ask me<sup>e</sup> anything in my name, I will do it.

## **Praise**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;  
If ever I love Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
(Oh my saviour) If ever I love Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

It is now (if ever I love my Saviour, 'tis now etc)  
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In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
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**Sermon:** Word of Comfort

### **John 14:1-7 – Word of Comfort**

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**Prayer of Intercession:** by Alison Paterson

Lord God

We bring our prayers to you today from our individual homes, apart in body but together in our hearts, minds and spirits.

Our world is so strange now. Our lives so altered and we need your strength to keep us doing what we must; to remember that your compassion is over everyone in the world.

Have mercy on us. We ask your forgiveness for what we do wrong and your guidance in the right ways for the world and our fellow man.

We give our thanks for all that is good in our world, for all that you have created and although we cannot sing out in your praise today, we offer these words in worship and praise of your creation.

We come to you with our fears and concerns and sadness. We call to you to renew our faith that you are bearing our burdens and carrying our sorrows.

We thank you for all that we have, shelter, food, clean water, family and friends.

We give thanks for the lives of those who have passed from their earthly life and ask you comfort those who mourn.

We give heartfelt thanks for all whom we depend on in our society, those who we previously thought of as doing mundane humble tasks, for our Health Service workers, for the multitude of care workers and for the scientists who are striving to find vaccines for this virus decimating the world.

And hear us as we pray for others in the name of Jesus Christ.

For those in this world who live without all we enjoy.

For the Homeless, the Refugee, the Poor living in countries with poor resources at any time and now overwhelmed with the effects of the virus. We bring the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the lost, the oppressed, and the unemployed to you.

We realise so much of this world's problems have been caused by mankind and so we ask that you open our ears and hearts to hear your words of guidance.

Every one of us can make choices and decisions to make changes for the betterment of mankind. We pray that leaders and governments will make and change policies for the good of their people and your world.

Strengthen and direct the actions of everyone to act with gentleness, generosity and love to his fellowman.

Help us all to be your instrument of justice and peace.

In the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen

## **Praise:**

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

3 O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

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**Benediction:** And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. AMEN.