

Bagshot service 26 April 2020

Tape 1:

Call to worship

Come, walk with him.
Come, talk with him.
Come, feast with him.
Come, worship Jesus, our risen Lord.

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Tape 2: Prayers

God, we gather as your people.
We come to walk a journey together,
to talk and to share along the way,
to meet and to know Jesus.
Help us to marvel at all that Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Loving God, for the times I have seen you
journeying with me, I am thankful.
Gracious God, for the times I have seen others
journeying with you, I am humbled,
Holy God, for the times I have not recognised
your journeying with me, I am sorry.
Forgiving God, thank you for the assurance
that you will continue to journey with me.
Living God, in my journey this week help me
to see glimpses of your good news so that my
heart burns within me. Amen.

Risen Lord, we are sorry
that we fail to recognise you in our midst,
that we are too preoccupied with ourselves.
We are sorry
that we let you down,
that we feast and don't invite others to share with us.
We are sorry
that we welcome friends but not always the stranger,
or anyone who makes us feel uncomfortable.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to be generous people,
our church, our homes – and our hearts –
always places of welcome.

Amen.

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Tape 4:

Prayers of Intercession

Faithful God, you are present in all aspects of life even when people don't see it. We call on you today to send your Spirit to bring comfort and peace to all who find their path ahead difficult.

We pray for your church and all those seeking ways to be church in these times. We pray for those who are missing the social contact which their Sunday church service provides.

May they recognize your living presence, Lord

We pray for the world and all those seeking to offer leadership in the midst of uncertainty. We pray for our government, for those advising the government, and for all those working to relieve suffering in the community at this time. We pray for the Surrey Heath Hub in our High Cross church at Camberley.

May they recognize your living presence, Lord.

We pray for all those who suffer at this time in body, mind or spirit. For those sick with Covid-19 and for those with other illnesses. For those awaiting operations delayed by the current crisis. We pray for all who are anxious and concerned about what the future may hold for them.

May they recognize your living presence, Lord.

We pray for those who are struggling at home. We think especially of parents living in flats with children, with little opportunity to relieve the pressure by getting outside. We think of those in relationships where problems are magnified by spending so much time at close quarters, especially those suffering from domestic violence.

May they recognize your living presence, Lord.

We pray for all who are bereaved whether through the loss of loved ones or the loss of human contact. We pray for those who are unable to visit loved ones in care or in hospital.

May they recognize your living presence, Lord.

We pray for people overseas. We pray for those in developing countries where this is just one more health scourge to be addressed. We pray for those in countries where the economic damage doesn't just mean a bit less money around, but means people will go hungry. We pray that there may be a just sharing of the resources of the world.

May we play our part in making that happen, Lord.

Merciful God, accept these our prayers today in and through the name of the living Christ.

AMEN

Adapted from prayers written by Revd Lorna Valentine, North Bedfordshire Circuit.

Tape 5:

Blessing

Lord Jesus,
as you walked on the road to Emmaus,
walk with us on the roads we travel.
Help us to know your presence with us,
and to be your presence to others.
And, at the end of the day,
may we all enjoy your feast.
Amen.

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