

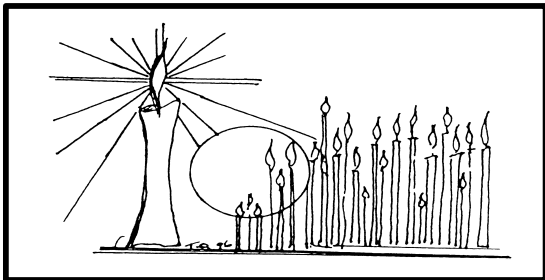
**Fifth Sunday In Lent:
A Worship for You at Home
March 29, 2020.**

Call to Prayerful Worship

We each gather in our homes
To dwell with God.
At home we will pray
And dwell in God's Word.
Together, we will dwell with God

- from Toora to Cowes,
- Wonthaggi to Foster,
- Tarwin Lower to Inverloch,
- Fish Creek to the world-wide followers of Christian congregations everywhere

We gather to dwell with God in prayer,
praise, reading the Bible and reflection
As we live the Gospel together in these
challenging days. Amen



Light your Candle

Christ our Light,
Bring light to our World.

HYMN: O for a Thousand Tongues

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O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise
the glories of our God and King
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
that bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears
is life and health and peace'
is life and health and peace,

is life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin
he sets the prisoner free;
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean
his blood availed for me,
his blood availed for me
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive
the mournful broken hearts rejoice
the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him you deaf;
his praise you dumb,
his praise you dumb
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind behold your Saviour come;
and leap you lame for joy,
and leap you lame for joy,
and leap you lame for joy!

My gracious Master and my God
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name,
the honours of your name,
the honours of your name.
Charles Wesley 1707-88

The Psalm for Today

Psalm 130: 1-8– From cries to comfort, an affirmation of hope.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
From deep within my being, from
whatever gloom surrounds me,
from this space of separation, I bellow,
holler, weep and shriek to you, O God.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
Listen for the particular sound of this
prayer rising from my body.

Hear these words and let my longings enter your holy hearing and dwell within you.

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

I'm going to keep praying like this, not because I deserve it, but because I can. You encourage me to find my feet and stand strong before you no matter how many times I've fallen away.

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

You don't keep score, you don't hold grudges, you let me off the hook and that's how I learn to love, unconditionally, the way you love me.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

So here I am, spent from screaming, now simply waiting, waiting, waiting... sure of your promise, confident that this will not last for ever.

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

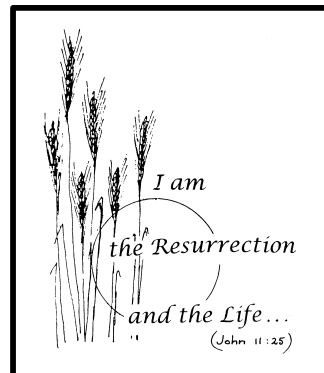
I will keep waiting, looking, yearning for the creeping, seeping signs of light. Light that dispels fear and leads me into peace, light that shines on a way of being and becoming, I will keep waiting and not give up, no matter how long this takes.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

I am no longer alone. I am joined in outrageous hope with all beings everywhere.

Hey everyone! Share this confident anticipation and affirmation;

God's love is present and constant and brings us into wholeness.



The Gospel John 11: 1- 45

For these words of Faith, and Jesus the Word
Thanks be to God.

Dwelling with the Word – a reflection from Rev. Ian Turnidge. See the attached document.

SONG 409 O Breath of Life

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O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.-
Elizabeth Ann Porter Head 1850-1936

Prayers of the People

Breathe softly into your hands, feel the gentle warmth and moisture of your breath...Remember that God is closer to you than your own breath.

Listen to your breathing as you pray for others.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
guide us how to pray for those around us.

When we think of our breathing we remember our vulnerability and the amazing creation of our bodily systems. We also think of those who are struggling for breath and life. For those who care for them in their illness, for healthcare and other essential workers we pray Living God.

We pray for those who are feeling breathless with weariness, anxiety or fear, and for those who experience deep loneliness and despair in their isolation. We think of families who must find creative ways to be at home together, for those who are made particularly vulnerable within their own homes by these events.

It is always the vulnerable and the marginalised who suffer first and so we pray for those who are economically vulnerable and disadvantaged. We have seen the queues of those gut-wrenchingly facing unemployment and even homelessness.

We think of our leaders and ask for discernment and courage and strength in their decision making. We pray for our own families and friends and the strengthening of relationships and community spirit. We pray for our church as we seek to be the ongoing presence of your Living, Breathing Body in our towns and localities.

Melt us as we gently seek your face and your direction and your grace.

Mold us, knit us together and breathe on us. Mobilise us to care in new and creative ways,

most of all **fill** us with your breath and your life, Living God.

Walk with us as we seek to be Light and Love to our communities during this very tough Lenten time.

IF YOU KNOW THE HYMN '*SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*', HUM IT GENTLY AS YOU HOLD PEOPLE YOU KNOW IN YOUR CUPPED HANDS.

Our times are in your hands Gentle God who loves us and holds us securely:

and we pray together in the words that Jesus taught us:

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.***

Offering:

- you might like to place your offering in a safe place and give thanks to God.

Notices:

Be sure to ring a couple more people in your community: share with heart. Note their names here:

- 1.
- 2.

Blessing

As we live the Gospel in these
challenging days
May this time of dwelling with God
Sustain and encourage us
From Toora, Foster, Fish creek, Tarwin
Lower, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, and
Cowes.

We have joined in prayer, praise and
reflection
with the God who is Love
with the Christ, who brings Salvation
In the Spirit, who binds us together in
Love.

May we live the Gospel we have
received,
Share the Good News we live
And remain safe, in Christ,
This day and every day. **Amen.**

**** extinguish your candle: take time to
watch the smoke spiral upward***

**Now, get a cuppa, ring a friend, look
out the window at a tree, sing a
song of hope, pat the dog, sing with
the magpies, switch on 'Hymns of
Praise', and share this love we Live
and Praise.**

Today's liturgy is by Rev Deacon Wendy Elson
@ Wonthaggi-Inverloch-Tarwin Lover
Our reflection is from Rev Ian Turnnidge @
Cowes
Psalm 130 from Rev Jennie Gordon, minister @
Corner Inlet, Shearwater Team Leader and
Presbytery Resourcing Minister, Gippsland



Shared with love to the wider church and
beyond!

