



Why listen to Jesus?

Morning Worship online during 3rd lockdown

2nd Sunday before Lent

Mark 9:2-13

Philip Robertson

WELCOME

We gather in the name of Christ Jesus
our Lord and Saviour
to offer him our praise and
thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of
God.

1ST SONG – BEHOLD OUR GOD

Jonathan Meghan, Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of
sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows
all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous
deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign.

You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill the earth.)

CONFESSION

God shows his love for us in that, while
we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him by
confessing our sins in penitence and
faith. *Based on Romans 5:8*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and
triumphant Lord, I come to you in
sorrow for my sins, and confess to you
my weakness and unbelief.

I have lived by my own strength, and
not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, hear me and help me, and in
your mercy, forgive me.

I have lived listening to the thoughts
and ideas of men, doubting and
ignoring your faithful and true word.
Lord, hear me and help me, and in
your mercy, forgive me.

I have lived by the light of my own eyes, as faithless and not believing. Lord, hear me and help me, and in your mercy, forgive me.

I have lived for this world alone, and doubted my home in heaven. Lord, hear me and help me, and in your mercy, forgive me.

May the Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

2ND SONG – OH PRAISE THE ONLY ONE

Michael Farren, Krissy Nordhoff, & Riley Erin

There is no greater truth than this.
There is no stronger love we know.
God Himself comes down to live,
And make a sinner's heart his throne.

There is no deeper peace than this.
No other kindness can compare.
He clothes us in His righteousness,
Forever free, forever heirs.

*Oh praise the only One,
Who shines brighter than ten
thousand suns.*

Death and hell call Him victorious.

Praise Him.

*Oh praise the One true King.
Lift it loud till earth and heaven ring.
Every crown we lay down at His feet.
Praise Him.*

There is no sweeter joy than this.
There is no stronger hope we hold.
We are His forever more,
Safe, secure by Christ alone.

There is no sound that's like the song
That rises up from grateful saints.
We once were lost but now we're
found,
One with Him, we bear His name.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Colossians 1:15-20*

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

BIBLE PASSAGE *Mark 9:2-13*

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!’

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what ‘rising from the dead’ meant.

¹¹ And they asked him, ‘Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?’

¹² Jesus replied, ‘To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?’

¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.’

3RD SONG – GOD IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

Lou & Nathan Fellingham – inspired by the hymn ‘Immortal, Invisible’ by W Chalmers Smith

God immortal, invisible,
Clothed in light inaccessible,
God most Holy, God only wise,
God most blessed, most glorious,
God almighty, victorious,
Present with us yet veiled from sight.
Holy is the Lord, is the Lord.
Holy.

*And our praise will rise
To the Lord of life.
Come and worship Him
In His majesty.
Awesome God, most high.*

Giving life to both great and small
He’s the source and the life of all
Needing nothing to make Him whole.
Man does flourish then fade to nought,
Like a breath that is quickly gone,
But our God’s the eternal one.
Holy is the Lord, is the Lord.
Holy.

See His glory shine
Over all mankind.
Come and worship Him
In His majesty,
Awesome God, most high.

Holy is the Lord, is the Lord.
Holy.

God of splendour we see in part,
But through Christ He has come to us,
Wondrous glory has won our hearts.

WHY LISTEN TO JESUS?

4TH SONG – AS LONG AS YOU ARE GLORIFIED

Mark Altrogge

Shall I take from Your hand Your
blessings,
Yet not welcome any pain?
Shall I thank You for days of sunshine,
Yet grumble in days of rain?
Shall I love You in times of plenty,
Then leave You in days of drought?
Shall I trust when I reap a harvest,
But when winter winds blow, then
doubt?

*Oh let Your will be done in me.
In Your love I will abide.*

*Oh I long for nothing else as long
As You are glorified.*

Are You good only when I prosper,
And true only when I'm filled?
Are You King only when I'm carefree,
And God only when I'm well?
You are good when I'm poor and needy.
You are true when I'm parched and dry.
You still reign in the deepest valley.
You're still God in the darkest night.

So quiet my restless heart.
Quiet my restless heart.
Quiet my restless heart in you.

THE GLORY OF GOD IN JESUS

For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendour with our own eyes when he received honour and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. *2 Peter 1:16-19*

The Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. *John 1:14*

God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:6*

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names. *Hebrews 1:1-4*

The glory of God is a living man; and the life of man consists in beholding God. *Irrenaeus*

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. *Psalms 101:1-2*

O Lord Jesus, your word is a lamp to my feet. Help me to delight in it, for through it you show me the way to love you and love my neighbour. In your kindness and generosity, please give me ears to hear, and a heart to obey. I know that I cannot do this without your help, but it is not too

hard for you. In your love and mercy,
change me and mould me, for the sake
your glory and my blessing.

Lord Jesus,
When my question is 'Why?'
be the voice that I hear.
When my question is 'Where?'"
be the guidance I need.
When my question is 'When?'
Be the wisdom I seek.
When my question is 'How?'
be the strength I require.
When my answer is 'Yes!'
be the peace in my heart.

Lord Jesus,
I pray for confidence
to share your Word with others
and for the opportunity to proclaim it.

Forgive my reluctance, and
my timidity.

I pray for wisdom
to know what should be said
and the moment in which to say it.

Forgive my reticence, and
my anxiety.

I pray for knowledge
of the fullness of your Grace
and the willingness to live it.

Forgive my ignorance, and
my self-reliance.

Lord Jesus,
Be the centre of all I am,
The Light by which I walk, and
The blessing I bring to others.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
we praise you for your creation,
and all you richly provide.
Enable us to live in such a way that
your majesty and mercy are seen by
all.

We pray for all governments' rule
under your authority. May they work
for the good of those they rule, and
through them lead us through this
time of coronavirus pandemic. May
governments seek your justice and
peace in every law and action.

In this time of coronavirus pandemic,
enable those who are engaged in
industry and commerce, the media
and education, sport and the arts, to
fulfil their responsibilities with
integrity and an attitude of service.

Comfort and strengthen those who are
gripped by poverty, weakened by
illness, or oppressed by cruelty. May
they come to know your love and
experience your care.

Inspire your church here on earth to
proclaim the gospel of your love in the
death and resurrection of your Son.
May all people hear the call to trust
and obey you.

Help your people to display your
compassion to all those in need. May
the poor and the lost of this world find
in you their true wealth and sure
identity.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our saviour
Jesus Christ, and bring them to fruition
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

COLLECT *ASB*

Almighty and ever living God,
whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
and restored them to wholeness of
life:

look with compassion on the anguish
of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both men and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Common Worship*

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.

5TH SONG – THINE BE THE GLORY

Georg Frideric Handel & Edmond Louis Budry

*Thine be the glory,
Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly, He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness,
Hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

Prayer topics & News for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Brian on 01902 788017. He will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

**Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison,
and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.**

Hebrews 13:3

The World

- **Where there is unrest or oppression** – we pray for those who are unjustly imprisoned in the world or oppressed by those in power. Pray for justice and for their protection from ill treatment, physical, sexual, and mental torture. Pray for the Uighur detainees & others in China; for those imprisoned for political reasons; faith or gender, in Russia, Belarus, Egypt, Iran, Turkey and Hong Kong.
- **Coronavirus** – give thanks for more knowledge of the changing virus and vaccinations in the U.K. Pray for a significant slowdown in transmission and loss of life; pray for medical teams, and wisdom for the Government. Pray for the supplies of vaccines to reach other countries, particularly those most in need.

St Jude's Church

- During Jesus' transfiguration God spoke of him, saying *"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."* Last week we heard Jesus say, *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."* What is 'taking up your cross' to follow Jesus requiring of you during lockdown? As you do this, remember his promise in Matthew 11:28-29.
- Joan, our usual prayer chain contact, is in need of your prayers - she is in hospital after a fall.
- We continue to pray – every day at 6.00pm - for ourselves and the people of our nation at this challenging time. *Gracious God, we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*

Our Mission Partners – Barnabas Fund

Amongst the millions of displaced refugees and migrants in the world there are many Christians, fleeing persecution or violence. Pray that God will give them peace, and comfort with the knowledge that their citizenship is in heaven. Philippians 3:20

- **Northern Mozambique** has been afflicted by violent Islamic jihadists over the last 3 years. Pray, as Christians and others rejecting their ideology are targeted and thousands seek safety.
- **North Korea** is thought to be the hardest place for Christians, who daily face the risk of harsh labour camps or execution. Pray for God to strengthen them in mind, body & spirit.
- **China** – pray welfare benefits for the elderly or disabled Christians will not be withdrawn. Pray for Christians, under pressure to hide their faith so that it does not lower their Social Credit Score for job prospects or adversely affect their employer.
- **Myanmar** – pray that this week's military coup does not lead to even greater persecution of Christians, ethnic minorities and pray for the Myanmar people.

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