

Worship for All - March 7th 2021

You may like to have a bowl, some stones or shells and water to hand for the prayers of penitence.

Poem: 'Song of the stars' by Sylvia Purdie

Intercessions by James Hart Brumm

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Hymn: Father, Lord of all creation

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove;
you are mortal life's dependence;
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer;
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.

Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there the world your love may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.

May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone;
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Prayers of penitence

Response: Lord be merciful: **forgive us our sins.**

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to
you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as
those who once were dead but now have life through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: As the deer pants

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.*

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

Refrain:

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are my king.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

Refrain:

Hymn: All heaven declares

All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
who once was slain to reconcile us all to God.
For ever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

Hymn: I love you Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift up my voice to worship you,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my king, in what you hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

Let your hymn resound in our lives.

**May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my
heart be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Hymn: Forth in that name

Forth in that name, O Lord I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and ev'ry moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath giv'n,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.