

## Morning Worship for 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Sunday after Ascension Day

### *Greeting and Welcome*

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

### *Hymn*

**COME, NOW IS THE TIME** to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

### *Flames Sunday School*

We pray for the children and leaders who go to FLAMES

### *Opening Prayers*

As we wait in silence, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, risen, ascended, glorified; **Amen.**

### ***Song***

**O BREATH OF LIFE, COME SWEEPING THROUGH US,**

Revive Thy church with life and power.

O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,

And fit Thy church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,

Till humbly we confess our need;

Then in Thy 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 Thy 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 Thy church to spread the light.

### ***We say sorry to God and to one another***

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where death has no dominion. **Amen.**

### ***Songs***

**JESUS, JESUS,**

Holy and anointed One,

Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus,

Risen and exalted One,

Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus,

Holy and anointed One,

Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips,

Your Spirit like water to my soul.

Your word is a lamp unto my feet;

Jesus I love You, I love You.

***MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE YOU,***

*My great Redeemer;*

*My heart will worship*

*Almighty Saviour.*

You take all my guilt away,  
Turn the darkest night to brightest day,  
You are the restorer of my soul.

*Chorus*

Love that conquers every fear,  
In the midst of trouble You draw near,  
You are the restorer of my soul.

*Chorus*

You're the source of happiness,  
Bringing peace when I am in distress,  
You are the restorer of my soul.

*Chorus*

***Psalm 1***

**CHAPEL:** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**MUSIC:** but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

**CHAPEL:** That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.

**MUSIC:** Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

**CHAPEL:** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**MUSIC:** For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

## ***First Reading***

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

## ***Song***

**IN THE LORD** I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

*El Senyor és la meva força,*

*El Senyor el meu cant.*

*Ell m'haestat la salvació*

*En ell confio, i no tinc por.*

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## ***Second Reading***

Revelation 1:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

## ***Talk***

## ***Song***

Your kingdom come! On bended knee  
through passing years we pray:  
all faithful people long to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

The hours of waiting through the night  
no less to God belong;  
the stars declare the eternal right  
and shame the creature's wrong.

And there already in the skies  
the dawn's first rays appear:

you prophets of our God, arise,  
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear shining light  
the Lord shall stand revealed,  
and every wrong be turned to right,  
and every hurt be healed,

When justice joined with truth and peace  
make straight the Saviour's road:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God!

***Prayers*** concluding with 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

***This time tomorrow?*** With Tim Wakefield

***News from Flames and Notices***

***Closing Song***

**WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown,

Will you let My name be known,

Will you let My life be grown in you,

And you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through My sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true  
When You but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow You  
And never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go  
Where Your love and footsteps show;  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In You and You in me.

***Closing prayer:***

**Lord of creation, your glory is around and within us!**

**Open our eyes to your wonders.**

**Open our hearts to your voice.**

**And open the hearts of those for whom we pray, to your voice.**

**We pray that we, and they, may HEAR you, and LOVE you, and SERVE you with reverence and joy; for your Kingdom and your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Let us bless the Lord; Thanks be to God.**