

The Worship of God

In Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

Welcome to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship. (*from Psalm 105*)

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

make known among the nations what God has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

**He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded,
for a thousand generations.**

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;

He came to love, heal and forgive;

He lived and died to buy my pardon,

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives, all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living, just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,

and feel the pride and joy he gives;

but greater still the calm assurance:

this child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river;

I'll fight life's final war with pain;

And then as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Refrain

Invocation

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:47-58

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Silent Meditation

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~ Thomas Merton

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Piano Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Waiting here, in silence God,

we hear our own, our deepest prayer.

Until this silence we'd forgotten that these words were hidden there.

Resurrect to Life and Light, what we buried in our night.

Amen. Amen.

Witness of Faith

Your Love Is Strong

Sermon

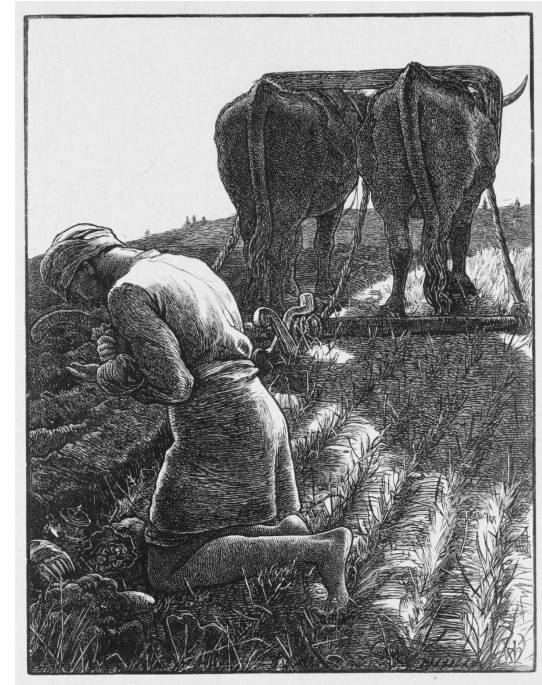
Lord, teach us to pray.

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Benediction

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Go in peace.



The Hidden Treasure, 1864
Sir John Everett Millais

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