

Circuit Written Service – 11th July 2021

Call to Worship

Lord God, we praise your holy name. May you be praised and worshipped for ever. Jesus Christ, we praise your holy name. May you be praised and worshipped for ever. Holy Spirit, we praise your holy name. May you be praised and worshipped for ever. [From Roots Adult and All Age 17th January 2010].

Hymn – Singing the Faith 24 – Come, now is the time to Worship

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.

Come, now is the time to Worship.....

Brian Doerksen [b. 1965]

Prayers

Abundant Creator, you are a wonderful God, loving and kind, open – handed and generous beyond all expectation. When we call, you listen and respond with love.

Lord Jesus, when you walked on earth you reflected that love and generosity. As you saw need or pain, you responded beyond all expectation. When we call, you listen and respond with love.

Holy Spirit, you are here now with us, giving each one of us gifts and skills; nudging and inspiring us to use what we have generously, beyond all expectation. When we call, you listen and respond with love. Amen.

Lord, you are so generous to us, but we do not always reflect your generosity to others. Generous God, we thank you that you are also a God of forgiveness and mercy and we come before you now to ask for and to receive your forgiveness for those times when we have been self – centred and mean – minded, for those times when we have placed ourselves above others, for those times when we have not been witnesses of your abundant generosity. Generous, loving and merciful God, as we receive your forgiveness, help us to know your generosity and to show your generosity this day and every day. Amen.

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Say The Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 3 verses 1 – 10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Questions for Personal Reflection

1. Samuel didn't recognise God's voice at first. What stops you recognising God's voice at times?
2. What helps you to listen to God? Are there particular places, times of the day, bible passages or songs that help?
3. Can you think of a time when God has spoken to you in a surprising and unexpected way? Think about what happened

Prayers of intercession

- Pray for those continuing to suffer from Covid 19
- Give thanks for all who have treated and continue to treat those suffering from Covid 19
- Pray for all those mourning the loss of loved ones
- Pray for those who have suffered a loss of some kind, e.g. loss of their home, job e.t.c.

Hymn – Singing the Faith 446 – I will offer up my life

1. I will offer up my life in Spirit and truth, pouring out the oil of love as my worship to you. In surrender I must give my every part, Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Chorus

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring, to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King? Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung, as a praise of your name for the things you have done? O, my words could not tell, not even in part, of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

2. You deserve my every breath for you've paid the great cost; giving up your life to death, even death on a cross. You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin, opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

Chorus

Matt Redman [b.1974]

Blessing

Go in peace, in the power of God's Spirit, to live and work to his praise and glory. Amen.