

St Andrew's Church, Prayer & Praise, Wednesday, 29 April 2020

Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_of_Siena

God of the past who has fathered and mothered us

WE ARE HERE TO THANK YOU

God of the future who is always ahead of us

WE ARE HERE TO TRUST YOU

God of the present here in the midst of us

WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE YOU

God of life beyond us within us

WE REJOICE IN YOUR GLORIOUS LOVE

Hymn 997 or 372, Jesus Lover of my soul lyrics (<http://www.songlyrics.com/charles-wesley/jesu-lover-of-my-soul-lyrics/> for 372 traditional, both beautiful

<https://binged.it/2ShDIeW> for 997 or

<https://binged.it/3f0voKz> for 372

Proverbs 8:6-11 The Passion Translation (TPT) Wisdom's Call

⁶ The meaning of my words will release within you revelation for you to reign in life.^[a]

My lyrics will empower you to live by what is right.

⁷ For everything I say is unquestionably true, and I refuse to endure the lies of lawlessness—

my words will never lead you astray.

⁸ All the declarations of my mouth can be trusted;

they contain no twisted logic or perversion of the truth.

⁹ All my words are clear and straightforward to everyone who possesses spiritual understanding.

If you have an open mind, you will receive revelation-knowledge.

¹⁰ My wise correction is more valuable than silver or gold.

The finest gold is nothing compared to the revelation-knowledge I can impart."

¹¹ Wisdom is so priceless that it exceeds the value of any jewel.^[b]

Nothing you could wish for can equal her.

John 17 20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may

believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Meditation

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation (Taizé)

<https://binged.it/2VQK8Ep>

As you turn your attention to Me, feel the Light of My Presence shining upon you. Open your mind and heart to receive My heavenly smile of approval. Let My gold-tinged Love wash over you and soak into the depths of your being. (From Jesus Calling)

Prayers

Pray for the overflowing blessings in Christ, who came into this world that all people would have life to the full, pray that the blessings of Christ are here already, now and forever, real and alive, acting and transforming:

The village and all the workers and volunteers working together that everyone is connected

The Church (hand in hand, shining lights all around the world)

Peter & Pat's new grandson and the son of Boris Johnson and Carrie

On the NHS and businesses and volunteers and everyone on the front lines

Governments around the world

Those who are ill and all who love them

Those who mourn.

Collect

God of compassion,
who gave your servant Catherine of Siena
a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:

grant that your people
may be united to him in his majesty
and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;
who is alive and reigns with us,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 170, Give thanks with a grateful heart (both versions start slow but end with fabulous break out endings)

<https://binged.it/2YhjQwo> Abyssinian Baptist Church

or <https://binged.it/3cUWxg7> World Outreach Church

Blessing

The gospel of the God of life to shelter us:
the gospel of the God of life to help us,
to keep us from all malice, to keep us from all anguish.
Christ himself is shepherd over us,
enfolding us on every side.
He will not leave us forsaken, nor let evil come near us.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen!