

St. Andrew's Church, Coniston, Prayer & Praise, 8 July 2020

Call to Prayer

**Most powerful Holy Spirit,
come down
upon us and subdue us. From heaven,
where the ordinary
is made glorious,
and glory seems but ordinary, bathe us
with the brilliance
of Your light like dew.**

Video on the grace of Jesus

Todd White (forwarded by Val) on representing Jesus to angry people

https://youtu.be/D7IZwo9Kp_w

How does this video make you feel about your faith? Could you see yourself in the shoes of Todd White? Have you ever been in the shoes of the Restaurant Mgr or waiter? Have you ever experienced anything like this yourself? Would you like to?

1 John 3: 1a; 10; 16;

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Meditation

Brian has been leading us in a series from the book of 1 John. Here we see some of the tests for looking at who we are. The moral test, the relational test and the doctrinal test. We are encouraged to be the children of God not just some of the time but all of the time. I don't know about you but I know that I do not always measure up to this calling to total grace and service and humility and light and wisdom and love.

Let us come back to God now.

***Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.
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Hymn 396 Just as I am

<https://youtu.be/pZhAWErbwU>

Caleb's Prayer

O High King of heaven, Have mercy on our land. Revive your church; Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the children. May your kingdom come to our nation. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen

Bow down and surrender in prayer

On those who feel alone and unloved:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On those who weep tears of anxiety:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

Where there is conflict, violence and strife:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On those who face pressure and stress:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

Where people are interested only in gain:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On those who are oppressed:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

Where the consequences of actions are ignored:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On all who suffer cruelty and neglect:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On those who are struggling with addiction:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God.

On your children gathered here:
pour out your Spirit, gracious God,
that we may bear your fruit in our world

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn All to Jesus I Surrender

<https://youtu.be/8h8wWdnEOk>

Blessing

God's spirit is always with us.

Wherever we go, God is there!

If we ascend to heaven,

God is there.

If we settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

God is there.

In all places, God holds us fast.

May we know deeply the presence of God:

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Go with God.

Amen! May it be so!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen!