

Hello, church family, this is a simple worship resource prepared for use as we are unable to gather this 'Mothering' Sunday. Spend time with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you. There are links to songs and our scheduled message from Psalm 46. We have listed links to children's resources and community information on the following pages and will be exploring other digital options in the future.

These are undoubtedly unprecedented days, and together we face many challenges. We can trust that our Father God is not taken by surprise by what is taking place. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let us trust His love and faithfulness and seek His face as we are in our homes today.

In love, peace and strength, Johnny & Elders.

**"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."** Psalm 46:1

## **† Opening Prayer (pause and be still)**

As I come before you Jesus,  
open my eyes that I might truly see  
you are my refuge and ever present help.  
I want to be with others worshipping today  
but this is not possible, yet I know that  
I am being prayed for as part of the  
community of faith. Thank you for this time  
where I remember you are with me.

Amen

## **🎵 Song: Bless the Lord O My Soul**

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words  
or listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/vSxocnlaNOA>

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever  
lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

## **† Let us pray together**

*Lord, I worship you today. Help me to see  
your calling in my life.*

*Open my eyes to what is possible when  
I see things through the eyes of your Son.*

*Forgive what is passed, (confession)  
protect me from all that is to come.  
Fill me with faith to listen to you today.*

Amen

Today's Reading from the Old Testament:

## Psalm 46

[https://www.biblegateway.com/  
passage/?search=Psalm%20  
46&version=NIV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2046&version=NIV)

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the  
earth give way and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam and the  
mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make  
glad the city of God, the holy place  
where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done, the  
desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends  
of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Listen to today's Message

 [Click here](#)

Pause and reflect on the message

- Look at God ~ Psalm 46
- Seek God ~ Listen for His voice
- Enjoy God ~ Praise & Prayer

## A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,

*Thank you for mums and children  
and for all the joy of family life.*

*Today we give thanks for mum's and pray  
that they will have love, strength and wisdom.*

*We pray you will be near those who are  
grieving because they have no mother;*

*Be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;*

*Be near to those who are sad because they  
are far apart from those they love.*

**I especially want to pray for... (lift your  
prayers)**

*We pray for the UK in this time of  
uncertainty:*

*For those needing to make decisions to  
care for others.*

*Medical staff on the frontline of care,  
we pray that they will be sustained  
physically, emotionally and spiritually  
in the coming weeks.*

*World leaders and for the leaders in our  
own country that they will seek the wisdom  
of God as they make decisions over the  
coming days.*

*Let's continue to pray for all our sisters  
and brothers across the world who have  
been, and are continuing to be, affected by  
COVID-19. We pray that all will know God's  
overwhelming, steadfast love.*

*In the name Jesus ~ Amen*

## Today's Meditation

Listen to your life.

See it for the fathomless mystery that it is.

In the boredom and pain of it  
no less than in the excitement and gladness:  
touch, taste, smell your way to the holy  
and hidden heart of it  
because in the last analysis  
all moments are key moments,  
and life itself is grace.

## Song: Cornerstone

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/izrk-erhDdk>

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust is Jesus' name x2

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

...*Christ alone, Cornerstone*

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand before the throne

...*Christ alone, Cornerstone*

## Today's Blessing

The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

## Further resources

**NMBC** Our church premises are closed as directed by government due to Coronavirus. We are continuing to run Tuesday Night Shelter and Thursday Foodbank. For updates and information visit  [www.nmbc.org.uk](http://www.nmbc.org.uk) or contact  [office@nmbc.org.uk](mailto:office@nmbc.org.uk) / [johnny@nmbc.org.uk](mailto:johnny@nmbc.org.uk)

### **NMBC CYP worship resources (NMBC)**

 [Faith in Kids – Return of the King](#)

 [FOFL – Being God's Messengers](#)

By next Sunday, we hope to have set up a prayer and encouragement forum, either via the website, email or Whatsapp. If you would like to be added to this, email **Claire Caldwell** – [clairewcaldwell@gmail.com](mailto:clairewcaldwell@gmail.com) and **Judith Broome** – [jbroome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jbroome@hotmail.co.uk)

**Engage Worship**  [www.engageworship.org/articles/when-church-closed](http://www.engageworship.org/articles/when-church-closed)

### **National Prayer Resources**

**Evangelical Alliance** – Prayer and lighting a candle initiative at 7pm on Sunday 22 March  
 <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/national-day-of-prayer-about-the-coronavirus-crisis>

**Baptist Union**  [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/568723/Coronavirus\\_Call\\_to.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/568723/Coronavirus_Call_to.aspx)

**24-7 Prayer International**  [www.24-7prayer.com](http://www.24-7prayer.com)

**Practicing The Way**  [www.practicingtheway.org](http://www.practicingtheway.org)

**Recommendations** (If you would like to include a suggestion next week , please email [katepozzo@icloud.com](mailto:katepozzo@icloud.com))

 **Premier Christian Radio:** [www.premierchristianradio.com](http://www.premierchristianradio.com)

**Premier's Unbelievable with Justin Brierly:** [www.youtube.com/user/PremierUnbelievable](https://www.youtube.com/user/PremierUnbelievable)

**Premier Praise:** [www.premierpraise.com](http://www.premierpraise.com)

 **UCB Radio** [www.ucb.co.uk/listen](http://www.ucb.co.uk/listen)

