

Living Water Fellowship

6TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

12TH JULY 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Heavenly Father, God of compassion, in this unrelenting season of isolation, be close to those who are ill, afraid or quarantined. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light. We ask those same gifts from your hand to each of us: consolation, hope, light, release from this panic that has beset your good world. We pray through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, and for us has overcome the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 6:5-15

SONG: Behold Our God

[Verse 1]

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

[Chorus]

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our king, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him

[Verse 2]

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach, the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? **[Chorus]**

[Verse 3]

Who has felt the nails upon his hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

[Chorus/Bridge]

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our king, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him

You will reign forever

(let Your glory fill the Earth)

You will reign forever

(let Your glory fill the Earth)

You will reign forever

(let Your glory fill the Earth)

You will reign forever

(let Your glory fill the Earth)

You will reign forever (let Your glory fill-)

[Chorus 2X]

Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
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GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Colossians 1:9-14

FAITH CHAT:

1. Why do you pray?
2. Do you ever get the sense God answers your prayers?
3. What are you praying for most...right now?

THE MESSAGE: FAITH FORMED PRAYER

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† -----, child of God, the Father hears & answers your prayers!!
Amen.**

SONG: *Dwell in your House*

[Verse 1]

*You set me apart
Gave me a new heart
Filled with compassion
To share Your great love*

*Show me Your ways
I want to know You
Guide me in truth
My hope is in You*

[Chorus]

*That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more
That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more*

[Verse 2]

*I'll hold on to You,
My strength and my refuge.
Whom shall I fear?
I know You are near*

*All of my days
I live for You, Lord
Establish my path
There's one thing I ask*

[Chorus]

*That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more
That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more*

[Bridge]

*Holy Spirit, have Your way
Sweet anointing teach our hearts
Our lives, we pray*

[Chorus]

*That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more
That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more*

[Final Chorus]

*That I may dwell in Your house forever
Lifting up Your name
Dwell in Your house forever more*

Songwriters: Ewing Paul Robert

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SHOW HIS LOVE

MATTHEW 6:5-15

“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners & in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, & pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

“When you pray, don’t babble on & on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again & again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
 may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
 as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us
And don’t let us yield to temptation,
 but rescue us from the evil one.

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will & to give you spiritual wisdom & understanding. Then the way you live will always honour & please the Lord, & your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better & better.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance & patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 6:5-15 & Colossians 1:9-14. What questions immediately come to mind for you?
2. If God compiled a list of the top five prayers He hears, what do you think would make the list? Why do you think we sometimes make prayer a “last ditch effort” in our spiritual lives?
3. Do you know anyone who is a person of prayer? What makes you say that about them? It was noted in the sermon that “prayer is not about getting answers from God but about getting close to God.” How does that effect your attitude toward praying?
4. Take a moment to read Ephesians 3:16-18 noting its similarity to Colossians 1:9-14. How do you think your prayer life could be impacted if you prayed knowing that you are “rooted & firmly established in love”?
5. Have you ever wondered why Jesus needed to pray? If Jesus was God, why did He need to take time to pray? Based on Jesus’ prayer life, what happens in prayer?
6. “*Our Father...*” How does our adoption as children of God shape our motivation to pray & confidence in prayer? If prayer is based on such an intimate relationship, how should this affect our prayer life?
7. It’s notable that Jesus puts our prayer for God’s kingdom & will together here. What’s the relationship between them and what is our role in seeing that petition accomplished?
Aldous Huxley wrote that this part of the Lord’s Prayer is ‘repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intention of letting anyone’s will be done but their own’. Is he right? Do you have trouble accepting God’s answer to something you have been praying about if it is different to what you wanted? What would be the impact on your life if you prayed this like you meant it?
8. What does Jesus’ teaching about how we should pray reveal about the presence & influence of the evil one in our lives & world? Do you pray regularly for your loved ones that they be kept safe from the evil one?
9. What is our aim when we pray? Look again at Colossians 1:9-10, Ephesians 3:16-18 & 4:1, and Philippians 1:27 to help you formulate an answer. How does prayer lead in that direction?