

Sunday @ Seven January 2024
'Making Plans'

Welcome

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer.
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Intro - 'making plans'

*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

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

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 for evermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Opening prayer

*We pray that you will stand by us, God our
Father.*

Be our protector and our guide.

*Shield us from the cynical, from the
delusions that surround
us.*

*At times we can feel so alone and lost,
without your presence to guide us.*

*Give us, we pray, a map and a compass to
find our way back into your presence.*

*There we can face any challenge and draw
strength from you.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is
with you;

be bold be strong, for the Lord your God is
with you!

I am not afraid - no, no, no!

I am not dismayed,

For I'm walking in faith and victory,

Come on and walk in faith and victory,

For the Lord your God is with you.

Reading – Jeremiah 29: 11

*Remember God's presence as often as you
can ; and notice what God is doing – and*

what you are doing.
(St Francis de Sales.)

God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and
sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory
of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory

of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Reading – Psalm 40: 5
What plans has God got for 2024 for
our church/benefice and our local
churches – especially the Salvation
Army and their new local leader
Cor van der Woude ?

Father God, we offer you all the plans and
dreams of our churches.

We offer you all that happens day by day,
week by week, year by year.

Make your plans succeed where ours have
failed.

We pray that we will make plans together
that will work well tomorrow.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

We'll walk the land with hearts on fire,
and every step will be a
prayer.

Hope is rising, new day dawning,
sound of singing fills the air.

Let the flame burn brighter
in the heart of the darkness,
turning night to glorious
day.

Let the song grow louder as our love grows
stronger,

let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Two thousand years and still the flame
is burning bright across the land.

Hearts are waiting, longing, aching,
for awakening once again.

Let the flame.....

We'll walk for truth, speak out for love;
in Jesus' name we shall be
strong,

to lift the fallen, to save the children,
to fill the nation with your song.

Let the flame.....

**Reading – Proverbs 14:22; 19:21;
20:18**

**What of our own personal plans for
2024?**

'In the busyness of your day keep an eye on God. Be like sailors, who get to the harbour by looking up to the stars as well as looking at where they are on their journey.' (St Francis de Sales)

In my wrestling and my doubts;
in my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea;
you are the peace in my troubled sea.
In the silence you won't let go;
in the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea;
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse
shining in the darkness, I will follow
you.
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise, you will carry
me
safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings;
with each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea;
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us;
you're the brightest.
You will lead us
through the storms.

Have your say....

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

*And its from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
And the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
And its...

As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And its...

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you.
And its...

You are older than the world can be
you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you.
And its...

Prayer time.....

*In quiet prayer, talk to God if you can. If
you can't, just stay there, let God look at
you, and don't worry about anything.
(St Francis de Sales.)*

River wash over me,
cleanses me and makes me new.
Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew,
river wash over me.

Spirit watch over me,
lead me to Jesus' feet.
Cause me to worship and fill me anew,
Spirit watch over me.

Jesus rule over me,
reign over all my heart.
Teach me to praise you and fill me anew,
Jesus rule over me.

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,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou
art;
Thou my best thought by day or by
night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the
fight,
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high
tower:

Raise Thou me heavenwards, O Power of
my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, all of my days:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
O high King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's
Sun !
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, Thou ruler of all.

We say the Grace.

**We next meet for our
time of informal worship**

**February 25th 7pm At St
John with St Mark Hall**

'It's Love Actually'

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