

**Sunday @ Seven – May 2023**

**Power to the People**

***Welcome***

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till  
the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you .....*

When I stand in glory  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my king for ever,  
in that Holy Place.

*Thank you .....*

***Opening prayer –***

**We come into the presence of God.  
We come to seek the peace of God in  
our hearts and lives; the power of His  
Spirit to enable us, the power of His  
Word to guide us, His love to comfort  
and encourage us. Amen.**

For I'm building a people of power  
and I'm making a people of praise  
that will move through this land by my Spirit  
and will glorify my precious name.  
Build your church Lord  
make us strong Lord  
join our hearts Lord through your Son  
Make us one Lord in your body  
in the kingdom of your Son.

***Reading & Reflection – Acts 1: 4/5***

Holy Spirit we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!  
Move amongst us with holy fire  
As we lay aside all earthly desire,  
Hands reach out and our hearts aspire.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!

Holy Spirit we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!  
Let the breeze of your presence blow  
That your children here might truly know  
How to move in the Spirit's flow.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!

Holy Spirit we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!  
Please accomplish in me today  
Some new work of loving grace I pray-  
Unreservedly have your way.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit we welcome you!

***Reading & Reflection Luke 4: 14-19***

**Great is the darkness** that covers the  
earth,  
oppression, injustice and pain.  
Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,  
though many have come in your name.  
Watching while sanity dies,  
touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus,  
come, Lord Jesus,  
pour out your Spirit we pray.  
Come, Lord Jesus,  
come, Lord Jesus,  
pour out your Spirit on us today.*

May now your church rise with power and love,  
this glorious gospel proclaim.  
In every nation salvation will come  
to those who believe in your name.  
Help us bring light to this world,  
that we might speed your return.

*Come Lord Jesus .....*

Great celebrations on that final day  
when out of the heavens you come.  
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,  
and rulers will bow at your throne.  
Our great commission complete,  
then face to face we shall meet.

*Come Lord Jesus .....*

***Sketch - Ask, seek, knock***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Man shall not live by bread alone;  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
Allelu, Alleluia.

*Alleluia.....*

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto  
you;  
Allelu, Alleluia.

*Alleluia.....*

***Images of the Kingdom of God – what did Jesus say?***

Come set your rule and reign  
in our hearts again.  
Increase in us we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit come invade us now.  
We are your church.  
We need your power in us!

*Build your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set your church on fire.  
Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere.  
Build your kingdom here. We pray.*

We seek your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst.  
Refuse to waste our lives.  
For you're our joy and prize.  
To see the captive hearts released.  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are your church.  
We pray revive this earth!

*Build your kingdom here.....*

Unleash your kingdom's power.  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this.  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ!  
We are your church.  
We are the hope on earth!

*Build your kingdom here.....*

***Have your say.....What is our image of the Kingdom of God?***

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross;  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call;  
And all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

***Space for our prayers***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
(repeat)  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

Leader: *We give you the glory, Lord over our lives.*

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Your kingdom come at work and at home;  
your will be done in our lives on earth as it is in heaven.*

**Give us today our daily bread,**

*You are our true provider. Remind us as we work, care and share.*

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

*We confess our failures and rejoice in your grace. Help us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with others.*

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*Guide us, Holy Spirit, to walk in your ways, using our influence wisely.*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

*We submit our everyday places, our ambitions, our lives, to your will, as offerings of worship.*

**Now and forever, Amen.**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me  
(repeat)  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

**May the power of the Spirit challenge us.**

**May the peace of the Spirit comfort us.  
May the presence of the Spirit enable us to live in love and service in the name of Jesus.**

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your power. Amen.**

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk, in the light....*

He died in pain on Calvary,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk, in the light*

We know his death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk, in the light .....*

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk, in the light ...*

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk, in the light .....*

***We say the Grace together.***

**Next Sunday @ Seven**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church Hall  
or on Zoom.**

*“Let everything that has  
breath praise the Lord“*

**This month is a summer songs of  
praise. We want to be singing  
your favourite songs/hymns.  
*Please let me know before hand  
what is your favourite so we can  
include it.***