



**Church@Home**  
**1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**  
Pentecost 22, Year A  
9am

## **SONG: AT325 “Sing to God”**

<https://youtu.be/3Y2luvB6CNU>

***Sing to God, with joy and gladness,  
hymns and psalms of gratitude.  
With the voice of praise discover  
that to worship God is good.***

- 1. God unites his scattered people,  
gathers those who wandered far,  
heals the hurt and broken spirits,  
tending every wound and scar:**
- 2. Such is God’s great power and wisdom  
none can calculate or tell.  
Keen is God to ground the wicked  
and with humble folk to dwell:**
- 3. God, with clouds, the sky has curtained,  
thus ensuring rain shall fall.  
Earth, responding, grows to order  
food for creatures great and small:**
- 4. God’s discernment never favours  
strength or speed to lift or move.  
God delights in those who fear him,  
trusting in his steadfast love:**

*Note:*

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*Words and music: The Iona Community  
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**WELCOME  
GREET ONE ANOTHER  
HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IN THE NAME**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen**

## **WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES**

*Children of God, let's ask our Father to forgive our sins, because Jesus Christ is our Lord, who has died and risen again for us.*

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, we confess to you that we are sinful. And we have sinned against you in many ways – in our thoughts and in our words, in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. Have mercy and forgive us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, Lord; help us to obey you, keep us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*God has had mercy on us. He loves us, and has given his son to die for us. So, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!*

**Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Thank you, great God,  
for the privilege of serving you.  
Keep us from putting ourselves first.  
Make us humble and considerate,  
so that, like your Son,  
we can be of service to others.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2  
“Forgiveness...”  
*Series on Ephesians (3/6)*

## **WE LISTEN – BIBLE READINGS**

*(Reader: Greg Scott)*

[Micah 3:5 – 12](#)

[Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2](#)

## **RESPONSE**

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## WE LISTEN – GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:1 – 12

*This is the gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise be to you, O Christ**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Forgive, as we have been forgiven”

*Pretend that your brother or sister has hit you, or has said something nasty to you.*

- \* How do you feel?*
- \* If he/she says “I’m sorry”, do you think that God wants you to forgive him/her?*
- \* What if he/she doesn’t say “Sorry”?*

*Do you think that God still wants you to forgive him/her? Get answers from the children.*

- \* Well, this is what we are going to be thinking about in the Message time which we will hear from the Pastor shortly. So listen carefully and see if you can find out the answer.*

### CHILDREN'S SONG

The Forgiveness song  
By the VeggieTales

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkPhJyB7pJc>

*Palmy: You know that in love we can forgive  
It is the only way to live  
Obey God and see that we can live in harmony!  
Since God has forgiven us, it's true  
You forgive, I'll forgive you  
I'm gonna start to show forgiveness from my heart!  
You know that in love we can forgive  
Hey man! It is the only way to live  
Obey God and see that we can live in harmony!  
Since God has forgiven us, it's true  
You forgive, I'll forgive you  
I'm gonna start to show forgiveness from my heart!  
So do your part, and show forgiveness from your heart!*

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **SONG: LH391 “The King of love my shepherd is”**

[https://youtu.be/YcCwUF0s\\_-Y](https://youtu.be/YcCwUF0s_-Y)

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house for ever.**

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)  
Music J B Dykes 1823-1876 (1868)  
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**TODAYS MESSAGE**

**Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2**  
**“Forgiveness...”**  
*Series on Ephesians (3/6)*

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the message on YouTube

**SONG: LH442 “Praise to the Lord Almighty”**

<https://youtu.be/MSpYz-Y6gq4>

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:  
Join the full throng;  
Wake, harp and psalter and song,  
Sound forth in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who as on wings of an eagle uplifteth, sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen?  
All that is needful hath been.  
Granted in what He ordaineth.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
Who with His love doth befriend thee**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

*Words Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
Tr Catherine Winkworth 1863  
Music: 'Gesangbuch' Stralsund 1665  
J A Freylinghausen's  
'Gesangbuch' Halle 1741*

## **WE GIVE – The Offering**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Let us pray:*

**Lord, you have given us  
forgiveness of sins and salvation,  
and made us your own children.  
Teach us that you alone are our Lord and our Father,  
and that true greatness in your kingdom means service.  
Amen.**

### **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

*Call to prayer*

God's word is at work in us, so let us serve each other and all people  
by praying to God our Father in Jesus' name.

*Response*

Father in heaven,  
**hear our prayer.**

### *Suggested intercessions*

- \* for all Christians, that God would transform our lives by his word
- \* for those who labour in the work of the church
- \* for the care of the aged, the lonely, and the house-bound
- \* for guidance for those who are confused or misled

### *Concluding prayer*

Lord, your Son humbled himself and became a servant, and so took away our burden of sin and guilt. Keep us strong in the liberty that comes from being in Christ, and mercifully hear all the prayers we offer in his name.

**Amen.**

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

## **BLESSING**

*The Lord bless you and watch over you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.*

**Amen**

**SONG: AT95 “Make me a Channel of Your Peace”**

<https://youtu.be/ihhvm6eLWZI>

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness – only light.  
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we’re born to life.**

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