

Quiet Time 21st April 2021

Good evening and a very warm welcome to this interactive on-line service of prayer and reflection which is coming to you live from the sanctuary of Orchardhill Church in Giffnock, Glasgow. If you would like to participate in a speaking part in the weeks ahead please do get in contact with us. You can use the email address quiet-time@orchardhill.org.uk which is also available to receive prayer requests which we would welcome and will use sensitively. Whether you are near or far, a regular or first-time attender we are joined together not only by technology but by the Spirit of the Risen Lord!

The psalmist said (Psalm 18:28)

You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

Let us pray

Thank You Lord for today. May You go before us and lead us. We pray that We would allow Your Holy Spirit to guide us today and that We would be a light to others. May Your light shine through us and may Your love bless those around us. Lord We pray that we would be patient, kind, and considerate. We pray that Your character would flow from us as we put others first. Use us as a vessel for Your glory, in Jesus' name AMEN!

Our first reading tonight is taken from Isaiah 50 8-11

The one who vindicates me is near. Who, then, will bring a charge against me? Let's face each other! Who has a case against me? Let him confront me! ⁹ See! It is the Lord God who will help me. Who is it that will declare me guilty? See! They will all wear out like a garment; moths will eat them up. ¹⁰ **Who among you fears the LORD, obeying the voice of his servant, who among you walks in darkness and has no light?**

Let him trust in the name of the LORD, and rely upon his God.

¹¹ Look! All those ^[1] who light a fire, who surround yourselves with flaming torches—walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have set ablaze! This is what you will receive from my hand: you will lie down in torment.

Our reflective music tonight is "**In Christ Alone**" which is a popular modern song written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The song was composed in 2001 and gained increased popularity first in Ireland and the UK and then in the United

States. In 2005, it was named by a BBC Songs of Praise survey as the ninth best-loved hymn of all time in the UK. Later reaching number 1 in the C.C.L.I. charts.

Let us Pray

There is no part of life you do not touch, O God, infusing your rich fragrance—gritty and real—getting in underneath the surface, drawing out and lifting up winding love around until defences are lowered, barriers broken down and the power of your love reveals the beauty you intended for all your children.

May our actions draw attention to you, to the richness you bring to all life and the abundance you share, setting the scene for us to share too.

Help us to bring light into all the darkness of life, spreading hope for a better world, a world where justice is made real by your children living together in harmony. Help us to bring salt into the blandness of life, encouraging vitality and joy in living in a world that dares to hope for the future that you promise where all your children will know themselves loved and valued and treasured, created in your image, bringing you glory forever.

Lord we pray to the Father of light that we may truly become the salt and the light of the world. **Lord, let your light shine in us**

That there may be more love on earth, Lord, we ask you to help people to be more understanding, friendlier to one another and to share more readily with those in need. **Lord, let your light shine in us**

That there may be greater justice on earth, help governments and public officials to make room in their priorities and budgets for the socially deprived and those out of work. **Lord, let your light shine in us**

That there may be more peace on earth, Help all nations to put an end to all words of hatred and threats of revenge, **Lord, let your light shine in us.**

That there may be more joy on earth, dispose all those who follow your Son to show sympathy and affection to one another, to be faithful in our friendships and concerned about our communities, **Lord, let your light shine in us.**

Lord God, we pray that your light may shine on all the earth. However limited we are, let our words and actions reflect the light of your love, in the name of Jesus Christ our the Lord and saviour.

Amen.

Our Final reading is the poem by the New Zealand Poet; Michael Coldham-Fussell

It is by faith and not by sight
That we keep walking in the Light.
It is by faith and not by sight

That we keep walking in the Light.

To the Paradise of our Delight
 Dark forces draw themselves to fight,
 They strive to cause us doubt and fear
 And plunge us into deep despair.

Through troubled times and valleys dark
 Where sin surrounds so cold and stark,
 The world, the flesh, and the devil demand
 That we succumb to their command.

But Christ in us puts these to flight,
 As we keep walking in the Light.
 It is by faith and not by sight
 That we keep walking in the Light.
 It is by faith and not by sight
 That we keep walking in the Light

Keep walking in the Light,
 In the Light,
 Keep walking,
 Walking in the Light.

Let us come together to say 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

And Now a Blessing

*Creator of light,
 the blessing of light be upon us –
 the blessing of daylight,
 the blessing of sunlight,*

*the blessing of Christ light.
Scatter the darkness from before us
that we may walk as children of light.*

Now and for evermore Amen