

# Worship at Home: During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Theme: Living with Difference

## HYMN

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

*Sung by St Martin's Voices*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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*Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

*Tune: Was Lebet Was Schwebet*

## INTRODUCTION

*By the president, Rev Charles Hadley, Storrington Priory, West Sussex*

### *Procession of Chalice and Paten*

By Ione Morley-Fletcher and Fr Gilmour McDermott at Sclerder Abbey, Cornwall

## PSALM 122

*Sung by Sibylle Wisselmann, Valerie Duquennoy, Vaclav Waloschek, and Romain Berthelot  
from the Chemin Neuf Community choir at Les Dombes Abbey, France*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
"Let us go to God's house."  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgment  
of the house of David.  
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
"Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!"  
For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: "Peace upon you!"  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now,  
And shall be for ever,  
Amen.

### *The president says*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

### *Silence is kept.*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## REFLECTION

*Alan and Ione Morley-Fletcher at Sclerder Abbey*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Corinthians 1: 10-13a

*Read by Emmanuel Sande, son of Eleonore and Jean-Paul, Chemin Neuf members at  
Cockfosters Parish North London*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (1.10-13a)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

This is the word of the Lord.

## REFLECTION

*Sr Joanna Sikorska (Asia). Leader of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK*

## ANTHEM

A New Commandment

*Sung by St Martin's Voices*

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.*

*Music by: Richard Shephard*

## GOSPEL READING

John 15: 1-17

*Read by Fr Jean-Sebastian Laurent, Cockfosters Parish*

A reading from the Gospel according to John. (15.1-17)

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

## **SERMON**

*The Rev Dr Paul Goodliff, General Secretary Churches Together in England*

## **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## SONG

Come and see, see who we have found

*Sung by Hannah Spiers, Chemin Neuf Community at Hautecombe Abbey, France and guitar,  
Jean-Sebastien Laurent, Cockfosters parish*

Come and see, see who we have found,  
The one we're looking for :  
He's the light of our hearts\_  
Come and see, see who we have found :  
Jesus Master and Lord.

The joy of all our lives,  
"God with us" is his name  
He's walking with us now  
and he speaks to our hearts  
He came to save us from  
the shadow of our fears.

The joy of all our lives is a baby Messiah  
The son of the Most High by the Spirit he came  
And hidden from the great  
He seeks the poor in heart.

The joy of all our lives is the treasure we found  
Oh such a precious love that we looked for so long  
The tenderness of God  
Who lets himself be seen.

Come and see, see who we have found,  
The one we're looking for :  
He's the light of our hearts\_  
Come and see, see who we have found :  
Jesus Master and Lord.

## PRAYERS

*Led by Richard & Anne Marie Goddard, Chemin Neuf members at home in Calne, Wilts*

All Lord Jesus,  
Who prayed that we might all be one.  
We pray to you for the unity of Christians,  
According to your will,  
According to your means.  
May your Spirit enable us  
To experience the suffering caused by division.  
To see our sin,  
And to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

*(based on the prayer of Abbe Paul Couturier)*

All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

## BLESSING

*Given by Charles Hadley and Fr Miguel Desjardins, Anglican and Catholic Chemin Neuf priests  
at Storrington Priory*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the Good News of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and for ever.

All Amen.

## HYMN

Will you come and follow me?

*Sung by St Martin's Voices*

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown,  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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