Xtra! 30th April 2020

We cannot gather together in St John’s, but we can gather spiritually as we worship today. So first, refresh yourselves with something to eat and drink and then set your space as we sing:

Gathering Song: *Come into His Presence Singing Alleluia*

During which the table is set (white cloth) and candle is lit.

Greeting

Peace be with you

And also with you

Kyrie Confession

Introduce confession. Then:

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: *Anderson Gloria*

*Gloria \*\*, Gloria \*\*, in excelsis Deo! x2*

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit;

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We sing our song of praise.

*Gloria \*\*, Gloria \*\*, in excelsis Deo. x2*

Reading: *From the Depths of a Well*

You can read the story in Jeremiah 37 and 38 or else…

You can read the bullet point story that is attached as well as this. As you do it, think whether each line is good news (cheers – thumbs up); bad news (boos – thumbs down); sad news (ah – tears); or courageous news (hooray - superhero).

Activity

Perhaps you could cut out the emoticons at the end of the story (doesn’t need to be too neat!) and put one by each line of the bullet point story. Alternatively, you could just move them with the mouse. If there aren’t enough of any one sort, you can copy extra ones of the ones you need.

Wondering questions

* I wonder if you have ever put anything down a well;
* I wonder if you have ever pulled anything up from a well;
* Jeremiah had been trying to bring God’s message but people didn’t like it and were unkind to him. I wonder if people have ever been unkind to you when you were trying to say something important;
* Jeremiah didn’t give up! And he trusted in God all the time. I wonder if that was hard.

Song: *I’m Gonna Trust in God*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETEpxb1OWQ0>

(there may be an advert first)

Or use the track attached. These are the words:

I’m gonna trust in God, I’m gonna trust in Jesus
Without shame and without fear.
I’m gonna fix my eyes, on the hope of glory
For His day is drawing near [*repeat*]

How great is the love of God, how steady is His hand
To guide me through this world.
And though I am weak in Him I stand
And you will hear me say, today, in faith,

I’m gonna trust in God

I’m gonna trust in God, I’m gonna trust in Jesus
Without shame and without fear.
I’m gonna fix my eyes, on the hope of glory
For His day is drawing near

How great is the love of God, how steady is His hand
To guide me through this world.
And though I am weak in Him I stand
And you will hear me say, today, in faith,

I’m gonna trust in God

Now when the cares of life seem overwhelming,
And my heart is sinking down,
I’m gonna lift my hands to the one who’ll help me,
To the one who holds my crown

How great is the love of God, how steady is His hand
To guide me through this world.
And though I am weak in Him I stand
And you will hear me say, today, in faith,

I’m gonna trust in God [*repeat* x2]

Prayer

**Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you that you came down low from highest heaven to be with us; that you know the heights and depths of our lives and are there with us in all we do and experience.**

**Help us to know your presence when we are low.**

**Help us to celebrate with you when we are high.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray.**

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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

**May the lightness of God go with you.**

**May the brightness of God go with you.**

**May he shine on all you do.**

**May God bless you.**

Messy Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**The love of God,**

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**Be with us all, now and for ever more.**

**Amen**

Resources:

Refreshments

White cloth, candle, matches

Scissors