**All Age Worship**

9 August

***Welcome & Preparation***

 The World belongs to the Lord;

**the Earth and all its people.**

 How good and lovely it is

**to live together in unity.**

 Love and faith come together;

**justice and peace join hands.**

If the Lord’s disciples keep silent

**these stones would shout aloud.**

O Lord open our lips;

**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Hymn Morning has broken** [**Listen here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgQb_OV21QE)

Morning has broken

like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken

like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall

sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall

on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness

where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning

born of the one light

Eden saw play!

Praise with elation,

praise every morning,

God’s re-creation

of the new day!

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***What we believe***

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our heart through faith,**

**and fills us with His love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in One God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn Our God is a great big God** [**Listen here**](https://www.facebook.com/bishopstokestpaulsmessychurch/videos/641973196358570)

Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands. *(repeat)*

He's higher than a skyscraper
and he's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God…

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**Genesis 33.1-16 *Jacob Meets Esau***

Later that day Jacob met Esau coming with his four hundred men. So Jacob had his children walk with their mothers. 2The two servant women, Zilpah and Bilhah, together with their children went first, followed by Leah and her children, then by Rachel and Joseph. 3Jacob himself walked in front of them all, bowing to the ground seven times as he came near his brother.

4But Esau ran toward Jacob and hugged and kissed him. Then the two brothers started crying. 5When Esau noticed the women and children he asked, “Whose children are these?” Jacob answered, “These are the ones the Lord has been kind enough to give to me, your servant.”

6Then the two servant women and their children came and bowed down to Esau. 7Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down; finally, Joseph and Rachel also came and bowed down. 8Esau asked Jacob, “What did you mean by these herds I met along the road?” “Master,” Jacob answered, “I sent them so that you would be friendly to me.”

9“But, brother, I already have plenty,” Esau replied. “Keep them for yourself.” 10“No!” Jacob said. “Please accept these gifts as a sign of your friendship for me. When you welcomed me and I saw your face, it was like seeing the face of God. 11Please accept these gifts I brought to you. God has been good to me, and I have everything I need.” Jacob kept insisting until Esau accepted the gifts. 12“Let’s get ready to travel,” Esau said. “I’ll go along with you.”

13But Jacob answered, “Master, you know traveling is hard on children, and I have to look after the sheep and goats that are nursing their young. If my animals travel too much in one day, they will all die. 14Why don’t you go on ahead and let me travel along slowly with the children, the herds, and the flocks. We can meet again in the country of Edom.” 15Esau replied, “Let me leave some of my men with you.” “You don’t have to do that,” Jacob answered. “I am happy, simply knowing that you are friendly to me.”

16So Esau left for Edom.

*(Contemporary English Version)*

***Talk***

***The Strength of Forgiving***

**A picture of Esau and Jacob to colour**



**Hymn God forgave my sin** [**Listen here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHcyrLTayOM)

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name,

I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name;

and in Jesus’ name I come to you

to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: ‘Freely, freely, you have received,*

*freely, freely give;*

*go in my name, and because you believe*

*others will know that I live.’*

All power is given in Jesus’ name,

in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name;

and in Jesus’ name I come to you

to share his power as he told me to.

Carol Owens

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***Saying Sorry***

For all the times we have acted without love,

 **Father forgive us.**

For all the times we have acted without thought,

 **Father forgive us.**

For all the times we have withdrawn support,

 **Father forgive us.**

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

 **Father forgive us.**

For the hurt of the world of which we are a part,

**For the times we have turned away when we could have helped,**

**may God forgive us; Christ renew us**

**and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.**

***Our Prayers –*** *thinking about how we can forgive****.***

***The special prayer for today (Collect)***

**Gracious Father**

 **revive your Church in our day,**

 **and make her holy, strong and faithful,**

 **for your glory’s sake**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***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.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

***News***

**Hymn Amazing Grace** [**Listen here**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MZgXXUW08Q)

Amazing grace,

how sweet the sound,

that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found,

was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear

and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,

the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone;*

*I've been set free.*

*My God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.*

*And like a flood his mercy reigns –*

*unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,

his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be

as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine,
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine,
you are forever mine.

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##### ****The Conclusion****

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life.

All    **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All    **Thanks be to God.**

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