



# BASINGSTOKE SALVATION ARMY

## quarantine worship

**Sunday 26 April 2020**

### Introduction

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### Song – God's love to me is wonderful

GOD'S love to me is wonderful,  
That he should deign to hear  
The faintest whisper of my heart,  
Wipe from mine eyes the tear;  
And though I cannot comprehend  
Such love, so great, so deep,  
In his strong hands my soul I trust,  
He will not fail to keep.

*God's love is wonderful,  
God's love is wonderful,  
Wonderful that he should give his Son to die for me;  
God's love is wonderful!*

3 God's love to me is wonderful!  
He lights the darkest way;  
I now enjoy his fellowship,  
'Twill last through endless day.  
My Father doth not ask that I  
Great gifts on him bestow,  
But only that I love him too,  
And serve him here below.

*Sidney Edward Cox (1887-1975)*

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### A Prayer for Others

Living Lord,  
we bring to you the needs of the world.

We pray for those who consider themselves to be strangers and outcasts.  
Help us always to welcome the stranger, whatever the cost, not sitting comfortably and ignoring people we think don't fit in, not taking the easy way.

May our homes and churches be places of welcome, hospitality and love, that all may have the chance to recognise and see you in the warmth of those around them.

We pray for countries where food is in short supply. May we farm sustainably and eat sensibly, so there is enough to feed the whole planet.

May we not look only after ourselves but seek to offer the same opportunities to all.

Help us not to be selfish, but always to consider others. Lord, we long for the day when all in society will be equal. May we be a part of making that happen.

We pray for those who are lonely and have no one to eat with them.

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May we open our doors to our neighbours, so that love and friendship can flourish, and all can enjoy the feast. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>13</sup>That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup>As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. <sup>16</sup>But God kept them from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup>He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

<sup>19</sup>"What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. <sup>20</sup>But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup>We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

<sup>22</sup>"Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. <sup>23</sup>They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! <sup>24</sup>Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

<sup>25</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. <sup>26</sup>Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, <sup>29</sup>but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. <sup>30</sup>As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

<sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, <sup>34</sup>who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

<sup>35</sup>Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

### **Song – I serve a risen Saviour**

I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
Whatever men may say;  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him  
He's always near.

*He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives,  
Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart!*



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2 In all the world around me  
I see his loving care;  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading  
Through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing  
Will come at last.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
To Jesus Christ the King;  
The hope of all who seek him,  
The help of all who find;  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.

*Alfred Henry Ackley (1887–1960)*

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### Song – Wonderful, so wonderful

1 Wonderful, so wonderful  
Is Your unfailing love;  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful One, I love You,  
Beautiful One, I adore,  
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

2 Powerful, so powerful,  
Your glory fills the skies,  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty  
Awakes my heart to sing  
How marvellous, how wonderful You are.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,  
You captured my heart with this love,  
'Cause nothing on earth  
Is as beautiful as You.  
(Repeat)

My soul, my soul must sing,  
My soul, my soul must sing,  
My soul, my soul must sing,  
Beautiful One.

*Tim Hughes (born 1978)*

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### Bible Message: Jesus Drops In

Jesus understands that after the torrid events of Easter and his resurrection, his followers needed him to drop in. They needed his presence, his reassurance.

#### **Luke 24:15 NLT**

*As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.*

Two of Jesus' followers are walking away from Jerusalem, from everything that's happened. They're sad, angry, disappointed, bewildered and dejected. They're desperate for help.

Jesus opens God's Word about himself not for information, not as an education, but for connection. When the two disciples finally recognised Jesus as he broke bread at their dinner table, they discovered that what the risen Jesus gives most isn't a sermon, but himself, his presence.

#### **Luke 24:32 NLT**



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*They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"*

Jesus longs to do the same for you and me. He longs to be invited to give the gift of his presence so that our hearts burn within us and we become people of Easter fire.

Will you allow Jesus to drop in on you right now, to draw alongside you now, in the moment, and bring you the gift of his presence?

### Song – Jesus himself drew near

I set out a pilgrim sad at heart  
To walk a lonely road;  
Doubt had marr'd my simple trusting,  
Doubt a future ill forbode;  
And as I pondered o'er my grief,  
My shattered hopes and unbelief,  
A Stranger to my soul's relief,  
Drew near and walked with me.

*Jesus himself drew near,  
When alone on the road,  
Oppress'd by my load,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with me.*

I deign'd not to raise my drooping eyes,  
Nor sought to learn His name,  
Tho' His voice, like heav'nly music,  
Set this heart of mine aflame.  
He seemed to read my every thought,  
To know the pain my fears had wrought.  
And with His gentle words He brought  
An atmosphere of peace.

The shadows of evening fell apace,  
New dangers lay ahead;  
But, with my Companion walking,  
I no longer felt their dread.  
I begged Him ne'er to quit my side,  
With me to constantly abide;  
In gracious tones my Lord replied  
'My peace I leave with thee.'

*Archibald Raymond Wiggins (1893-1976)*  
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### Song – Lord, if your presence does not go with us

Lord, if your presence does not go with us,  
Please do not send us up from here.  
How will anyone know we are your people  
Unless you go before us?  
Lord, if your favour does not rest on us  
We dare not move beyond this place.  
How will anyone know we go in your name  
Unless your blessing is over us?

*So we stand within your presence,  
And humbly seek your grace;  
Father Almighty, Jehovah, Saviour,  
We long to meet you face to face.  
Let your glory fall upon us,  
Convict, inspire, provide;  
Father Almighty, Jehovah, Saviour,  
Your holy presence is our guide.*

2 Lord, if your presence does not stay with us,  
Please do not send us up from here.  
How will anyone hear of truth and goodness  
Unless your word speaks through us?  
Lord, if your presence is not love in us  
How can we minister your grace?  
How will anyone feel your tender mercy  
Unless your heart is in us?

*Yvonne Field*  
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