

SUNDAY 01 AUGUST 2021 - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday 01 August 2021 - "Songs of Praise"



Call to Worship

God calls us here
to worship in spirit and in truth.
In the revealing light of God's grace
We know ourselves welcomed with
love.
In spirit, truth, light and grace
God meets us here today.
Amen.

Opening Thought



Like shards of glass each catching a glimpse of light and reflecting it back in a rainbow of colours, some dark and brooding, some light and playful, so are the people of God: fragments each mirroring a different facet of an amazing God, together projecting a wonderful likeness of the one in whose image we are created.
Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, and the whole spectrum in between; colourful, dynamic God, revealed in us, the people of God.
Alternative Material Spill the Beans

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we give You thanks for all who have given their lives and talents in the service of others; those whose religious zeal, commitment to truth, leadership ability and qualities of service have enabled others to live more freely and fully and brought new harmony and understating to the world.

For all those whose faithful witness has challenged the prejudices and closed minds of others and enabled people to appreciate the power of Your love in their lives.

We praise You for those who can allow another to take the lead where appropriate; who know how to retire gracefully, and encourage others by their example and concern for the good of the community, rather than their own selfish interest and reputation.

For all who have lifted the standards of behaviour, the moral and ethical codes, and have been dissatisfied with slovenly or slapdash efforts and careless attitudes to important tasks, we glorify Your name.

Especially for Jesus Christ, we are grateful and how His life and example has illuminated and inspired our lives and pushed out the limited horizons of our thinking and challenged our systems of values and called us to look onward and upward towards You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Let us Let us build a house

Let us Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

READING - Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven

PRAYER - Thanksgiving and Intercession

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed us beyond measure. Thankful that in our hearts lives life's greatest treasure. That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place and we are ever so grateful for Your unending grace. So please, heavenly Father.

Great and Loving God, we are tenants of this good earth, entrusted through Your grace and love with its abundance and harvests. Strengthen our resolve to be worthy of Your covenant with us, and make us more willing to hear, to obey, and to act in protection of the fruit of Your kingdom of love.

Fill the leaders of our nation, and all nations, with a healthy respect for the dignity of human life, the worth of the individual and the need to consider the everyday issues as well as the wider issues in politics and society. Sustain those with special talents - of laughter, healing, teaching, leadership, parenting, production of food and necessities of life - and encourage them to see You as the source of all their gifts.

Refresh the weary, the war-torn, the oppressed and the suffering with the sense of Your unexpected mercies. Motivate the hearts of compassionate men and women to the cries of the hungry and the plight of the undernourished. Shake the complacent out of their stupor of self-satisfaction, and grab their attention and stimulate them to action. Give patience to those who labour to alter the ideas of society and challenge the patterns of the growing gap between rich and poor. Re-ignite the passion of those who have slumped into lukewarm apathy. Give them a boldness to correct. Challenge us when we are silent on controversial issue. Stir up within the councils of the Church a passion for the Gospel and the building of God's kingdom. Guide them in the deep waters of social and political action so that they hold tight to spiritual truth, in Jesus name we pray Amen

Hymn / Song Favourites

1. **All Are Welcome**
2. **Colours of Day**
3. **Walk, Walk in the Light**
4. **My Lighthouse**
5. **Turn your eyes upon Jesus**
6. **Shine Jesus Shine**

Colours of Day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Extracted from Prayer - The Faith Nurture Forum would like to thank Rev Nigel Robb for his thoughts on the tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunflower

A Sunflower's, young blooms face east at dawn to meet the rising sun. Will we be like the young blooms - Let us turn our eyes to the LIGHT OF THE WORLD - and Sing Praise to Him

