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PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Sunday 24th May
2020



Worship Songs

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[Blessed be Your Name](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4H5t3TwHM)

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[Father God I wonder](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDBvSSIk7Qk>

Bible reading **John 17:1-11 New International Version (NIV)**

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Bible reading John 17 1-11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUCJDRNHi0>



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[What a Friend we Have in Jesus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi1-5kmbkyQ)

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Thought for Today

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Thought for Today

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

John 17: 1-11

I think we'd all probably agree that, as Christians, a key priority in our lives should be prayer. However, I know, both from my own experience and from listening to other people, that it's an activity which can be hard to maintain!

I think it would be true to say that, for most of us, there can definitely be periods when we struggle with what to say in prayer as well as how to say it: while also there can be times when we seem to be locked in a sort of lethargy and just can't motivate ourselves to 'get on and do it'!

We know from the Gospels that prayer was part of the daily rhythm of life for Jesus. Many times, we're told that he went off to pray.

And in our Gospel reading for today the whole focus is on Jesus praying: and the thing that struck me right away is that he prayed for himself first.



Thought for Today

John 17: 1-11

Here we have God himself, praying for himself, before anything else.

Initially I thought 'well, that's not following the pattern of The Lord's Prayer specifically taught to us by Jesus': because the very start of The Lord's Prayer puts God in his rightful place.....in heaven and glorified – 'Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name'.

But then I looked carefully at what Jesus was praying for: and it dawned on me that he's praying that he (God) will be glorified and back in his rightful place - with his Father in heaven.

So, we have God himself (Jesus) praying for himself according to the template of his teaching on prayer!

But when I thought a bit further it also occurred to me that, yes, this is Jesus, fully God, praying for himself but it's also Jesus, fully human, praying for himself.



Thought for Today

John 17: 1-11

Jesus, fully human, who knew what horror lay ahead for him.

Jesus, fully human, who needed the strength and courage to get him through the ordeal.

Jesus, fully human, who, before this coming ordeal, was reminding himself of who he was and what he knew awaited him on the other side of the cross!

He needed to pray for himself first because of the fiery furnace he was about to be thrown into!

So, how do we feel about praying for ourselves?

Do we bother even to pray for ourselves?

And if we do, where in the order of our prayer topics do we put ourselves?

Of the many people I've talked to about this, lots say that they don't pray for themselves at all: and usually it's because they think it's selfish to do so. Hence, they aren't even on their prayer list.

And out of those who do pray for themselves they mostly put themselves at the bottom of the list.



Thought for Today

John 17: 1-11

I have some thoughts on this.....!

Firstly, if God himself prayed for himself, how much more do we need to pray for ourselves?

If we only pray for others, it's almost like saying to God that we think everyone else needs prayer but we don't. We can think that we are being humble and selfless, but actually, Jesus makes it clear in this chapter that the world is a tremendous battleground where the forces under Satan's power and those under God's authority are at war!

We're under God's authority so, frankly, we each need all the prayer we can get, including our own for ourselves!

And sometimes, definitely not all the time, but sometimes we need to be at the top of our prayer list, especially when life seems almost beyond difficult.

If Jesus prayed like this, let's not feel guilty about praying for ourselves as he did and sometimes putting that prayer for ourselves at the top of the list on occasion.

If we read any books on prayer (and there are many) it can seem a complex and even confusing activity because there are lots of different ways of praying, all of which can seem valuable and worthwhile in their own right.



Thought for Today

John 17: 1-11

We can have intercessory prayer, silence, active listening, mediation, breath prayer, arrow prayers, use of ACTS.....to name but a few. Help!! Which should we do is the question?

But, like everything to do with following Jesus, we're on a learning journey.....till the day we die.....and equally so regarding prayer. It's important to grow into different ways of praying so that we can pray according to our circumstances in a more mature and appropriate way – just as Jesus was doing in today's reading.

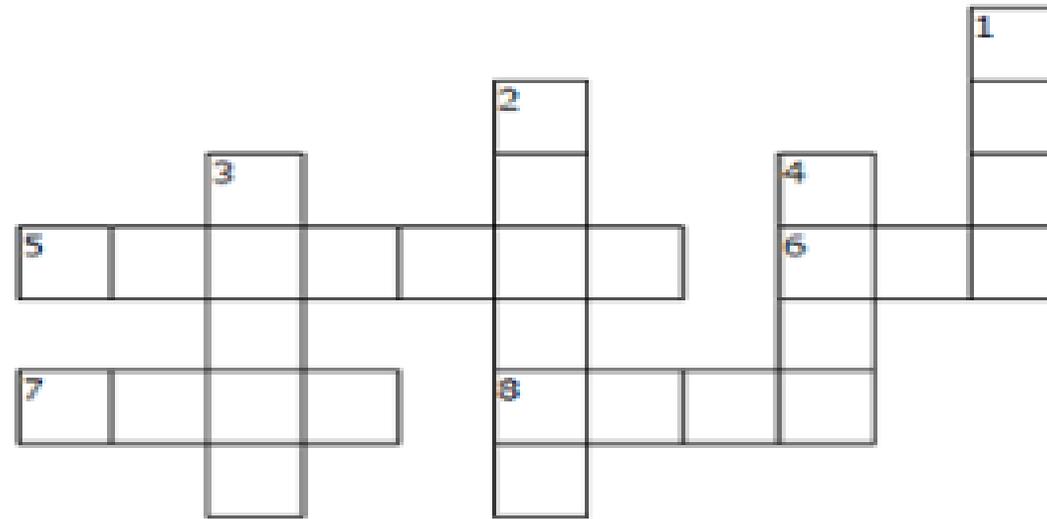
But we needn't get hung up about it because, at its simplest level, praying is communicating with God, in whatever form that takes – giving him a real ear bending about something; talking the hind leg off a donkey; sitting in companionable silence with him; or just sobbing in his presence!

So, while it's good not to let our prayer life get stale and stagnant – hence the reason for learning new ways to pray – the most important thing is to stay in constant communication with God.

Let's not go to bed at night suddenly realising that we haven't given God a thought during the day.....because even our thoughts to God are prayers.



Sunday Activity



ACROSS

5. To keep from being injured or harmed
6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
8. To speak to God

DOWN

1. To place in the hands of someone
2. To receive something
3. That which belongs to you
4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY
ACCEPT

GIVE
YOURS

HOLY
WORD

PROTECT
ONE

Prayers

Intercessions for Easter 7 (24.05.20)

Reflecting on Ascension Day (Last Thursday)

Risen, ascended, glorified Lord, we come before you in humble adoration and awe.

Rule in our hearts and be at the centre of your Church, wherever it is in the world.

May all churches become vibrant hubs of daily prayer, which rises as sweet smelling incense to your Throne of Grace in the heavenlies. May our prayers be full of compassion, Godly insight, and in line with the prayers Jesus is praying for us each day.

Anoint leaders with a love of prayer and the ability to guide the folk in their care into a deeper, personal relationship with you.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

Exalted Lord, at your ascension your disciples still didn't understand the true nature of your Kingdom.

Expand the vision of all in positions of power, whether in government or smaller settings, to be subject to your just and gentle rule.

We especially pray for the leaders of schools at this time as they grapple with the complexities of creating safe environments for their pupils returning very soon. May the rules and regulations that they have to put in place be wisely thought out and ultimately achievable, despite the task seeming impossible at the moment.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, your name is above every name.

Open our minds to understand the scriptures and persist with them where they are difficult. Remind us too to persist in prayer, especially when words don't seem to flow easily. At such times remind us that being consciously and silently in your presence is, in itself, prayer and communication with you.

Shape us, through the scriptures and prayer, to be witnesses of your hope and grace.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

Lord of hope and consolation, look with compassion on the anguish of a troubled world.

Be our strength in times of adversity.

Bless us with your holiness and lift our eyes to behold your glory.

Jesus, risen, ascended and glorified for our salvation, we lay our lives before you in faith and trust.

Raise with you all who have died in the faith and bring us to sing your praises through all the earth.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



Worship Songs (A camp action one, make up your own dance, don't forget the air guitar and remember no one else can see your dance moves – go for IT!!!)
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[My Lighthouse](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA8VtUPgqTc>



Worship Songs

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[Be Thou My Vision](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIMhshpf0Y4>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU

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Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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