

9th August 2020

***Hearsall at Home***

Hello, and welcome to Hearsall at Home.

Thank you for joining us today. May God bless you as we read, sing and listen together.

Everyone's welcome in my chat room after worship. And don't forget, if you want to sing along to the hymns and songs, you can find all the words as a download on the homepage of our website.

On Thursday a few of us meet in the car park of War Memorial Park for a stroll from midday. If you'd like to join us just loiter somewhere near the bus stop. If more than six come along, we immediately split into smaller groups. We might get a sandwich and a drink in the cafe afterwards, so if strolling's not your thing, you could meet some of us there. But please observe all the rules on social distancing as good citizens of our beautiful country.

Anyway for now, settle down, be still, and focus your attention on the presence of the God who draws near to you as you draw near to him.

Order of Service 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

***Just Trust***

Call to Worship

Psalm 85: 8 - 13

So, faithfulness springs forth from the earth and righteousness looks down from heaven! Let's sing, Great is your faithfulness as our opening hymn.

Hymn (BPW 553) **Great is your faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,  
You have fulfilled all your promise to me;  
You never fail and your love is unchanging,  
All you have been you for ever will be.

CHORUS

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed your hand hath provided - Great is thy faithfulness, Father, to me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in eloquent witness  
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

CHORUS

Pardon for sin, and a peace everlasting,  
Your living presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow -  
These are the blessings your love will provide.

CHORUS

## Prayers

Adoration, confession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, your love reaches to the heavens and your mercy removes our sins from us.  
Hallelujah.

Lord, you are a perpetual fountain of joy for those who trust in you. Hallelujah.

Lord, you plumb the depths of our sorrow and meet us in our distress. Hallelujah.

Lord, your salvation is offered to all, and everyone who calls on you will be saved.  
Hallelujah.

We worship you in our hearts, our minds, and our bodies. You are the greatness that grounds all great things. The source of all that is. The origin of all love. We praise your holy name.

We pause and ponder our own spiritual health, confessing any sins, and resting again in the abundant compassion of our God, whose Son died to bring us mercy and life everlasting.

O Lord, forgive us for our sins, receive us again in your love, and empower us to be agents of grace and truth in our broken world. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as it is 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.

## Song (WT 107) Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

*Chorus*

*And now let the weak say I am strong,  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say I am strong,  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.*

Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

Chorus x 2

Give thanks.

Doors Ajar

Peter Fearn helps ***Behind Closed Doors*** evolve into ***Ajar***. Each week a congregant invites us to peek into their lives as the door stands ajar.

Good morning all, or for the late risers, good afternoon.

It's Peter here. You know, the one who sits on the box among the musicians tapping away during our songs of praise, that is, if you can remember that far back when we used to meet in the church. Oh how I long for the time when we can all get together again to physically share in worship and spend times of fellowship with each other. But it will come, it will come!

Having said that I have gained great strength from Hearsall on Line as at 10.30 each Sunday morning I sit at my desktop computer at home to share in the time of praise and worship which David and so many others put together. Thank you so much to all involved.

Like those of us fortunate enough not to have been physically affected by the virus, I have now started to come from behind closed doors and venture out into the world as it now is, and what am I finding....? More face-to-face contact, albeit distanced,

which is a vast improvement on meeting only on the telephone, Facetime, Skype and Zoom, etc. I'm not decrying these forms of virtual contact as they have been a great help to me during lockdown, keeping me in touch with my family and friends. In fact since March I have met each Wednesday and Saturday evening with the families of my daughter Kate, son Matthew, Matt's parents-in-law and his brother-in-law on Zoom for a couple of hours. It's been really great to have that contact, five grandchildren included. With five households meeting up, it's been like having two nights out each week. Louis, my youngest grandson who lives in London had his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Obviously at that time we were all in isolation and so couldn't meet up to celebrate as we would have done normally so we held a virtual party through Zoom. As well as many interactive events each of the five households prepared a small birthday cake with lit candles and at a given signal Louis blew and all the candles went out between London and Coventry! I also joined the Zoom Stir Crazy Party which David organised and Alan Pritchard described so well in his epic review in the last edition of the Messenger.

My main leisure interests are attending Warwickshire cricket and Coventry rugby matches and also theatre and cinema. I have missed being involved in all of these activities and due to Covid I have also missed out on two presents I received last Christmas. My daughter had bought me a ticket for Phantom of the Opera at Birmingham Hippodrome this month and from my son a ticket for England V the Barbarians at Twickenham back in June. Both of these events have, of course, been cancelled.

Those things however are in the past which I try not to dwell on and instead look forward in a positive way to things improving. I believe that some positives have come from this pandemic. I find that generally people are in less of a rush and as a result are more considerate of each other. It's a real joy to see whole families out walking together, small groups meeting up with their portable chairs on Hearsall common, a greater awareness of God's creation. Being a very keen walker I have had more time to walk and have discovered many footpaths, woodlands, meadows, ponds right on my doorstep which I have previously driven past without really noticing but which I've now been able to explore. I hope to do more of that as well as when walking into the city continue to wave to Jean Whitlock at her kitchen window or bump into Val or Barbie & Eric. I have seen newly ploughed fields with

little green shoots starting to sprout then grow up to waist high cereal crops, ripen and now harvested. I've watched trees and hedgerows develop their leaves. Woodlands go through the cycle of bluebells, stitchwort, wood anemones, wild garlic, bramble blossom, and now to ripening blackberries. It's so good now that the door is ajar to see members of our fellowship when we meet at the Memorial Park on a Thursday for David's walk.

As Sarah Lewis explained last week, although it may seem to be quite daunting to come out from behind those closed doors, I'm reminded of the words of Phillipians 4:13

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength".

I hope to see you all back at Hearsall when the time is right and it's safe to be together again in that situation.

Until then, God bless.

Thanks so much Peter for sharing with us today.

### Offering

And thank you all so much on behalf of the church for your continued giving. We still have lots of our regular expenses and we are so, so grateful to all of you who continue to share your resources. More important than the church is your giving to the poor, to those affected by the disastrous explosion in Lebanon, and to all affected by warfare, injustice and severe poverty.

Lord you are a sharing God. Help us to be a sharing people and use all our gifts to church and charity to make this world a place of love for all.

Three times Scripture says, *Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Let's call on him now by proclaiming his Lordship as we sing, All Heaven Declares!

### Song (WT 7) All Heaven Declares

Verse 1

All heaven declares

The glory of the risen Lord.

Who can compare with

The beauty of the Lord?

*Chorus*

*Forever He will be*

*The Lamb upon the throne;*

*I gladly bow the knee*

*And worship Him, alone.*

Verse 2

I will proclaim

The glory of the risen Lord,

Who once was slain

To reconcile man to God.

*Chorus x 2*

*Forever, You will be*

*The Lamb upon the throne;*

*I gladly bow the knee*

*And worship You alone.*

Today our prayers are led by our dear brother and deacon, Eric.

On many occasions, in many ways and for many reasons, Lord, you encourage us to call on you and we do so in many ways including in our times of public prayer.

You promise to hear us and to answer us. Lord, we thank you for the privilege of calling directly to you. Lord, help us to know what to say to you and also help us to listen for your answers.

### **Whom do you say may call, Lord?**

Lord, you say many times whoever calls on you - that is everyone, no one excluded.

Lord, you say the poor and the simple minded can call on you and you will hear them. To come to you as King we don't need to be wealthy or famous, we don't need a University degree or any sort of qualification, we can all come as we are in love and humility.

Lord, you say we can be Jew or Greek, our nationality doesn't matter, we can all call on you wherever we come from.

Lord, you say we can call on you if we are in sorrow, trouble or strife, we don't have to prepare ourselves or conduct ourselves in any special way just all of us come as we are and call.

**For what reasons, Lord, do you say we may call on you?**

We can call on you when we are in trouble, Lord. Those things around us and within us, Lord, that are troubling us, we bring them before you for resolution, rescue us from them.

We can call on you when we are distressed, Lord. We bring before you all peoples in distress but at this time most of all those suffering from distress relating to the many emerging effects of the current pandemic.

We can call on you when we are in sorrow, Lord. Give comfort to all those who have lost love ones and in a state of great sadness and loss.

We can call on you in times of sickness, Lord. We think of all who are unwell at this time, for those with the virus, for those with other health issues, many whose cure may be on hold at this time, give comfort to them all. For our Health Care providers, we give a special thanks for them, please Lord keep them safe.

We can call on you, Lord, to send thunder and rain. We think of global warming and the devastation being caused in many areas to our planet. We think of those of the very poor who live directly off the land and their health and welfare highly dependent on it. Lord, help us to use the resources of the land you gave to us much more wisely and to share this earth's bounty much more fairly.

On many occasions in your word you have said "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" Lord, we claim that salvation you have promised us with grateful and appreciative hearts and cherish it with great joy and expectation. We claim your promise that in so doing you say we will be loved by you, Lord, and called by you to be Saints.

Amen

Thanks Eric, for those prayers. Let's now hear our Bible readings concerning Elijah and then Paul.

1 Kings 19: 9 - 18

<sup>9</sup> There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

<sup>10</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

<sup>14</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.'

#### Romans 10: 5-13

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup> For there is no

difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,<sup>13</sup> for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

As Christians we learn just to trust in God’s everlasting love that reaches us even when times are hard; perhaps especially so. If you are going through a tough time right now, reach out to him as we sing of the love that will not let us go...

Hymn (BPW 541) **O Love that will not let me go**

O love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seeks for me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that raises up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

O Lord, I offer to you now my prayer and preparation and ask that you speak whatever word is right for each of us as we listen now. Amen.

### Sermon

#### ***Just Trust!***

Picture a mighty oak tree... We see it in midsummer and its leaves shine a bright green in the full sunshine, its trunk thick and strong. Children play in its shade. A blackbird rests for a moment in its branches.

Every Autumn its leaves turn a golden brown and in low October sun they stun the eyes of onlookers. Squirrels look for acorns. The ground at its base turns soft.

Soon those leaves festoon the muddy ground with a carefree splash of colour. The tree wears an air of naked dying. Frosts come and go. Occasionally the windward side of the trunk and boughs turn white with sleet or a dusting of snow.

Come the spring and the trunk is imperceptibly thicker. Leaves begin to bud. In May the tree wears its coat of hopeful green and human spirits rise.

A child climbs the tree, with the close attention of her mother. She feels the strength of the branches. It's only when she climbs down that she realises that the roots of the tree spread out much further than the tree's canopy. She traces their forms in the undulating woodland floor.

Roots of a tree may not go very deep, but they must spread out quite a long way under the ground. They suck moisture and nutrients from the soil and anchor it, giving it a fixed place in the ecology of the wood.

So is this tree you've been imagining healthy? How are its leaves? Are its branches firmly attached to the trunk? Is any pest threatening its systems? Are the roots plentiful and broad? Does it stand in wholesome ground?

And how healthy are you as a whole spiritual person? The leaves that people see - the part they know... The most obvious part; would they call you healthy? Your trunk... Do you feel stable and solid, able to flex a bit where necessary, knowing

who you are and where you stand? What about those roots? Are you properly watered and fed and anchored by a broad root system?

Paul wrote:

*If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord!" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

To believe in your heart **justifies** you, writes Paul...

To believe in your heart means that you trust in your inner being to Christ's resurrection power...

And that means that you trust in your spirit:

that love conquers hatred,

that life conquers death,

that Jesus broke out of the tomb,

and that no setback, no cancer, no bullet, no bomb, can ever halt the victory of love.

To be justified is to know that you're okay to belong in God's world. You are part of the family. No one's perfect, but you bear the family name, you carry the family likeness.

To know you belong in that way, just trust! Trust in the grace of God who does not count our sins against us. Trust in the love of God who draws us towards a good way of life.

To believe in your heart that God raised Jesus...

It means to **just trust!**

That's your healthy root system...

Your unseen connection with everlasting hope...

Your drawing up of the Holy Spirit...

Your private connection with everything that nurtures your spirit...

Well what is that for you? Prayer, nature, dog-walking, tree-hugging, hymn-singing, dancing, writing, .... Whatever communicates life and hope to your spirit... that's your root system. Is yours healthy right now? If it is then you know that you're here because you belong.

But Paul has given a formula for salvation, and this root system, which he calls justification, meaning belonging, is only part of it.

Salvation = believing in your heart + confessing with your mouth.

Why can't we just trust in our hearts as a private matter that God raised Jesus from the dead? Why must we confess with our lips?

This is the rest of the tree beyond the roots...  
A tree that was just roots would be no tree at all.

*Jesus is Lord!* But this is not a cheesy religious declaration! I am not referring to wearing Jesus badges or having Christian stickers in your car or wearing a cross around your neck...

Declaring *Jesus is Lord* is part of Christian baptism. If you've been baptised as a believer, you've affirmed it in a manner both intimate and public...

You declare it again whenever we worship and pray. There is a power in making this open declaration.

There is a spiritual power in speaking out the Word of God. *Jesus is Lord!*

But *Jesus is Lord* is not so much a slogan as it is a lifestyle. To say *Jesus is Lord*, and to mean it, is to allow your life to be shaped by the teaching, standards and authority of Jesus Christ.

To say *Jesus is Lord* is, for example, to say, I want to love my enemies and pray for those who oppose me. It's to welcome the stranger and to challenge the abusers of power. It's to be gracious to those who've made mistakes, but hold them to truth and account as well.

It's to know that your sins have been forgiven and to be forgiving yourself. It's to know that heaven's gate is opened wide for you. It's to know that you are called to live in peace with all people insofar as that depends on you. It's to be a person of good news, a person who makes things better...

*It's to shape your life according to the teaching of Jesus Christ.*

But the insight of Romans 10 is this: **That this is not hard!**

You don't have to fly up to heaven in a spaceship to bring Christ down. You don't need a submarine to plumb spiritual depths to locate him.

This is not a spirituality contest!

Christ is the Word made flesh, living and walking among us!

He's here. He's in your heart and in your mouth. It's easy! It's good news! That's why we want preachers to preach it. *How beautiful are the feet...*

So salvation = inner trust in resurrection power + declaring that Jesus is Lord.

There's an openness about our faith! We have a desire to keep going. We have energy and optimism. We do not lose heart.

We carry on supporting each other. Now, currently the world is in the grip of the most grave pandemic. We make plans, but do not know whether we will be able to fulfil them. We are fearful for the lives of those we love, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. The economy is under severe strain. All this on top of the issue of our time: climate change. AND all this on top of the regular human follies and evils of racism, sexism, hate speech, violence, bullying and warfare... The world is in a fearful crisis...

AND yet Christ's church remains strong. That church has survived the Black Death, the rise of rationalism and the enlightenment, two world wars and centuries of rotten, hypocritical leadership. And yet Christ's church yet lives... No, we are not lying down to die; we live on, albeit most likely in some very new forms.

Christians have an everlasting hope, so we do not lose heart. Resurrection power always lifts our spirits. The Lordship of Christ gives shape to our lives.

But what of those who do not believe in their hearts that God raised Christ from the dead? What of those who do not openly declare that *Jesus is Lord*? Are they not saved?

Well they certainly don't know that they are! They have no assurance of salvation. We are not the arbiters of anyone else's destiny; we leave that to God; he will sort out the wheat from the weeds; the good fish from the bad; the sheep from the goats.

But those who find the simple faith in the power of love to defeat even death;  
and those who open their mouths to confess that Jesus is Lord;  
well, they have a deep and wonderful and beautiful assurance that they are saved;  
they are safe; they are secure;  
they are loved, they are treasured and honoured;  
they are destined for glory, yet they live as humble agents of peace and justice on earth;  
their lives have meaning because they live in relationship with the author of life itself;  
they have an unstoppable hope;  
they have an invincible life;  
they are fizzing with an inexpressible joy;  
they have a strength that carries them through life's breakdowns, sicknesses and disappointments;  
they are part of a community that is bigger and stronger and older than any other community and they are catalysts for everlasting hope in this dark old world that so often seems like the proverbial vale of tears.

So, we get out our beautiful feet and proclaim good news! That means today, injecting some hope into conversations with neighbours; showing them that nothing stops the love from flowing... It means sharing the good things that our church is doing; posting links to messages online; it's so easy to invite people to church now!

Why are we not doing it more than we are? How beautiful on the keyboard are the fingers of those who share good news on FaceBook...

Now old Elijah was understandably struggling in the wilderness. Prophets, like him, were being slaughtered by King Ahab. Queen Jezebel threatened him. He was terrified and he turned into himself in despair and self-pity.

*And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'*

*He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'*

And then God told him to stand on the mountain in the presence of God. God was about to pass by.

We know the story well. The wind was powerful and split the rocks. The earthquake and the fire were showy displays of physical might. But God was not in these.

God was in a gentle whisper, the sound of silence distilled; the quiet secret place. God was in Elijah's invisible root.

And then exactly the same verbal exchange takes place.

*And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'*

*He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'*

So had the standing on the mountain taught him nothing? Not so; he has changed in some inner, unseen secret place. And although the outer conversation remains the same, yet Elijah is ready to hear more...

To anoint new kings and his own successor.

To hear this message of hope: *I have reserved seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.*

Even in this very dark place, by paying attention to his roots, Elijah finds both a mission and a sense of hope.

It's easy! **If** you let your root system nourish your life. Be like that healthy oak tree. Nurture your roots through prayer and worship and nature and music and art and love. And let those roots nurture in turn a wholesome life. It's easy, because it's just the way you were designed to be.

Like an oak tree. Just trust in God's grace and let the love flow, making you into the person you know you should be in the community you love so much.

1 Blessed is the one

    who does not walk in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take

    or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

    and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

    which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither –

    whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked!

    They are like chaff

    that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

    nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

    but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

And that way of righteousness comes from a simple trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ to defeat sin and death and hell, and a simple commitment to let that grace nurture the way that we live our lives, by declaring that Jesus is Lord. Let's do it!

It may be that God has spoken to you through something in today's service. If you'd like to discuss anything with me, give me a call or send me an email...

Our closing hymn reflects closely the reading for today... The Word is near, here in our hearts and in our mouths... Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath: Jesus!

**Song (WT 240) **Jesus restore to us again****

Verse 1

Jesus restore to us again  
The gospel of Your holy name,  
That comes with power, not words alone,  
Owned, signed and sealed from heaven's throne,  
Spirit and word in one agreed,  
The promise to the power wed.

*Chorus*

*The word is near here in our mouths  
And in our hearts, the word of faith;  
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath: Jesus.*

Verse 2

Your word, O Lord, eternal stands,  
Fixed and unchanging in the heavens.  
The Word made flesh to earth came down  
To heal our world with nail pierced hands.  
Among us here, You lived and breathed;  
You are the message we received.

*Chorus*

Verse 3

Spirit of truth lead us, we pray,  
Into all truth as we obey,  
And as God's will, we gladly choose,  
Your ancient power again will prove  
Christ's teaching truly comes from God;  
He is indeed the living Word.

*Chorus*

Verse 4

Upon the heights of this dark land  
With Moses and Elijah stand,  
Reveal Your glory once again,  
Show us Your face, declare Your name.  
Prophets and law in You complete,  
Where promises and power meet.

*Chorus*

Verse 5

Grant us, in this decisive hour,  
To know the Scriptures and the power;  
The knowledge in experience proved  
The power that moves and works by love.  
May word and works join hands as one,  
The word go forth, the Spirit come.

*Chorus*

*Repeat 'Jesus'*

The 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 always. Amen.

Sung Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing

At the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing

Once again into our doors.