**Sunday 22nd March 2020**

**Fairfield Church Service**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Whilst we cannot meet together this Sunday to worship as usual, we can worship the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ wherever we are. We can also have a sense of the fellowship in the Holy Spirit if, as we join together this Sunday morning in worship, we can also pray for others who we would usually be meeting with, who are doing the same.

**Possible outline and suggestions for your act of worship this Sunday**

Pray about how best to maintain your Sunday worship in the form that honours God and blesses each of you who is able to meet together.

1. Hymns/Songs
2. Prayers
3. Reading – Luke 7:36-50
4. Sermon (or activity for your children or both)
5. Confession & thanksgiving

**Starting**

As you start to worship together it is good to pray and you might like to include this short prayer at some point:-

Lord Jesus, it is so strange not to be meeting together with our Fairfield family today. Please protect and bless all of them wherever they are today. And please enable us to worship you together now, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Speak to us and help us to learn from you. Help us to worship you. Thank you that you are always with us. Amen.

**Songs & Hymns**

As you meet you might be able to sing together or you might want to listen to or join in with some recorded music. Here are a few suggestions for today – remember to mute the ‘advert’ bits that come at the beginning of most Youtube clips!

Great is thy faithfulness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cACqcURyvJA>

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/TliCy09D3v0>

It is well with my soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHe_qmo3gX4>

I’m accepted, forgiven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmJSEhn7DtU>

Blessed be thy name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du0il6d-DAk>

Lead me to the cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_24IdbJ0Tw>

Alabaster (Rend Collective) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YILseGtYVVE>

I surrender All <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNbPpLFRuRw> -

I Will Offer Up My Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWXWHdgapjI>

Raise a Hallelujah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2XtRuPfaAU>

**Prayers**

You should all have sight of a copy of the Thursday Bulletin. There is a lot in there to pray for as well as the world-wide prayers about the Covid-19 situation. You might like to say the Lord’s Prayer as well (version we usually say is also on the Thursday Bulletin).

**Reading – from Luke 7:36-50.** Read this out loud – even if you are on your own – and be inspired and thrilled and challenged by this amazing incident in the life of Jesus.

**Talk – “What kind of woman is this?”** A talk of about 20 minutes which aims to be suitable for those of secondary school age and above. (This is either available to you on the enclosed CD or is reached by the following link \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. )

**Confession & Thankgiving**

In response to today’s talk it would be appropriate to take a few minutes to recognise our sinfulness and to thank the Lord Jesu for his forgiveness. You might want to use these words from 1 John 1 & 2

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*(Take a moment in silence to examine ourselves and to confess)*

If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father on our behalf – Jesus Christ the Righteous One and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you also say to us, ‘Our sins are forgiven’ and so we can go in peace. Amen.

Perhaps finish with a great hymn of worship from the list above or perhaps this one:-

And can it be? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQeIGbKqiw8>

**Notices**

**Tonight 7pm** Light a Candle and say a prayer for our country at this time of crisis