

Hello, church family, this is a simple worship resource prepared for use as we are unable to gather this Sunday. Spend time with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you. There are links to songs and today's message from Isaiah 40.

These are undoubtedly unprecedented days, and together we face many challenges. We can trust that our Father God is not taken by surprise by what is taking place. Jesus, is the same, yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Let us trust and rely on the love God has for us as we seek His face in our homes today.

In love, peace and strength, Johnny & Elders.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40: 31

† Opening Prayer *(pause and be still)*

*Holy and loving God I come to worship you,
as I do I remember that I am a part of your
church in my community and in the world.
I take comfort from the fact
that I am not alone.*

*Come by your Holy Spirit and help me to
worship you in spirit and in truth.*

Amen

*How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!*

*Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God!*

*How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!*

🎵 Song: The splendour of the King

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or
listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk>

The splendour of the King
Clothed in Majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice

*How great is our God! Sing with me
How great is our God! And all will see
How great, how great is our God!*

Age to Age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion
and the Lamb

🎵 Song: Our God is a great big God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaXPXWBcE3I>

*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands*

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan

*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands*

† Let us pray together

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever, Amen.*

Today's Reading from the Old Testament:

📖 Isaiah 40: 21-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+40%3A21-31&version=NIV>

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the
earth was founded?

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

"To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty
strength, not one of them is missing.

Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

🎵 Song: Everlasting God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP2nz6PG8KM>

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

*You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

*You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God...*

Listen to today's Message

 **Click here** Isaiah 40: 21-31

(This will be available on the NMBC website media library after live stream).

Song: Hide me now

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6XvkDR_01Q

Prayer

Holy and loving God, all life comes from you, and in you all things hold together.

As we remember this, we are reminded that you hold the end from the beginning, and that nothing is too large or too small for you.

Help us in our anxious thoughts.

Help us in our day to day lives.

Help us in this time of deep uncertainty.

We acknowledge that at times we are selfish, at times we do not seek you first.

But we know that you are always faithful, loving and forgiving. (Silence)

*Thank you God,
for our forgiveness in Jesus.
(Lift up your prayers of thanks)*

*Father God, we pray for your world,
for the leaders who are making difficult
decisions as every day brings new
changes and challenges.*

*We pray for our town.
For all who live here that your peace
might reign and that your perfect love
might settle our fears.*

*We pray for frontline workers, doctors,
nurses, carers, shop workers, refuse
collectors, postal workers.*

*We pray for our loved ones, those we know
who may be ill, those who are struggling.*

We pray for ourselves (Lift up prayers)

*Lord of All, hear our prayers,
Amen*

Original Prayer Source by Rev. Sally Coleman

Today's Meditation

God of Spring-time
while the sun is crossing over the equator,
may I be crossing over
from dark to light,
from complaining to appreciation,
from dither to boldness,
from stagnation to creativity,
from coldness to love,
from me to you.

Celtic Daily Light – Ray Simpson

Song: Cornerstone

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/izrk-erhDdk>

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name x2

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

...Christ alone, Cornerstone

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

...Christ alone, Cornerstone

Today's Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Further resources

NMBC Our church premises are closed as directed by government due to Coronavirus. We are continuing to run Thursday Foodbank. For updates and information visit www.nmbc.org.uk or contact office@nmbc.org.uk / johnny@nmbc.org.uk

NMBC CYP Resources

- 📎 [Ages 3-11 - The Wonder of Easter, Lesson 2, 29.3.20](#)
- 📎 [Teenagers' resource – \(FOFL, Growing in Fruitfulness\), 29.3.20](#)

CYP Resource – A prayer and encouragement forum, either via the website, email or Whatsapp. If you would like to be added to this, email **Claire Caldwell** – clairewcaldwell@gmail.com and **Judith Broome** – jbroome@hotmail.co.uk

Engage Worship www.engageworship.org/articles/when-church-closed

National Prayer & Word Resources

Lectio 365 (App) <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Northumbria Community Morning Prayer

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>

Bible In One Year BIOY (App) <https://www.bibleinoneyear.org>

Baptist Union https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/568723/Coronavirus_Call_to.aspx

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/569593/Finding_the_inner.aspx

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/569241/The_gift_of.aspx

Evangelical Alliance <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/coronavirus-prayer>

24-7 Prayer International www.24-7prayer.com

Practicing The Way www.practicingtheway.org

[Premier Christian Radio: www.premierchristianradio.com](http://www.premierchristianradio.com)

Premier's Unbelievable with Justin Brierly: www.youtube.com/user/PremierUnbelievable

Premier Praise: www.premierpraise.com

[UCB Radio www.ucb.co.uk/listen](http://www.ucb.co.uk/listen)

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