

Our service this morning is a little different. This is our first meeting here this year! It sounds like a long time doesn't it.

A *Songs of praise* service was decided upon but as we have not seen much of each other I have only been able to ask a few people for their input. However Andrew has stepped up to the challenge and is willing to go blind with your hymns – and it is on your suggestions that we stand or fall. Other than that you will be singing ones that we like! If you wish to stay seated for singing please do.

Another difference is that our prayers this morning are all from the hymn book, some slightly adapted. At the funeral of Margaret Rimmer some time ago the mother of Diane, the hairdresser, commented how our hymn book was the best book of prayers she had read

Singing is talking on a tune
—
Do we take note of the words of songs as
we see them – or just read without taking
them in.

Forgiveness 422

- 1 Father, we have sinned
in word, and deed, and thought,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through deliberate fault :
we've sinned against our neighbours
and against you, Lord,
yet we are truly sorry,
and we turn to you once more.
- 2 Father of the nations,
you who bless the poor,
we're servants of the endless want
and drive for more.
We've made our greed a virtue,
while the children starve ;
come, change our joy to sorrow,
till our lives reflect your heart.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

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Lord's Prayer

Readings 1 Samuel 3 v1-20

Ps 36 v5-10

John 2 v1-11

Intercessions 519

- 1 Father, I place into your hands
the things I cannot do.
~~Father, I place into your hands~~
the times that I've been through.
~~Father, I place into your hands~~
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.

- 2 Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
~~Father, I place into your hands~~
the things that trouble me.
~~Father, I place into your hands~~
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.

- 3 Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust you.

- 4 Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.

Jenny Hewer (b. 1945)

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Psalm 36 v5-10

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

⁶Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

⁷How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.