

LF Worship via Zoom – Sunday 13 December 2020

Welcome

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The Ward Family

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen**

Church Family News & Birthdays

Psalm 86

David Lever, Ben & Kerstin Jeapes

Leader: Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.
Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

**All: You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.
When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.**

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.
All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will
bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.
**All: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name for ever.
For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.**

Leader: Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me – they have no regard for you.
But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength on behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.
Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins.
When we allow darkness to overcome your light,

All: forgive us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,

All: have mercy on us, Father.

Leader: When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing the needs of others,

All: let your grace consume us, O Loving God.

Leader: When the challenges faced by our neighbours are of no concern to us,

All: forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.

Leader: When our caring is not extended to action,

All: move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.

Leader: We come before you to confess our sins.

Remove the barriers that divide us,
and let there be no obstacle to our love for you and for each other.

All: Amen.

Bible Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Derek Walker

Talk Part 1

Pamela Shirras

Response Song – *Comfort ye my people*

Talk Part 2

Pamela Shirras

Prayers

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnished

In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

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Final Blessing

Breakout Groups – Chat & Cuppa (bring your own!)