



*"With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus"*

## Long Furlong Worship – Sunday 31 January 2021

### Welcome & Gathering

Sarah & Jeremy Fry

### Acclamation

Leader: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

### Church Family News & Birthdays

#### When I am a wasteland

You are the water  
When I am the winter  
You are the fire that burns

Your voice like a whisper  
Breaking the silence  
You say there's a treasure  
You look 'til You find it, you search to find me

When I am a long night  
You are the sunrise  
When I am a desert  
You are the river that turns to find me

Hallelujah (x4)

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What have I done to deserve love like this?  
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### Verses from Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.  
The north and the south—you created them;  
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.  
You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

## **It seems that God's creation**

is not what was designed.  
So easy to accept things  
and then become resigned  
To never being different,  
wrongs ne'er to be repaired  
Will ever come the time  
when your bounty's fairly shared?

We see the world around us  
now lost and full of sin  
What we bemoan in others  
too often found within  
My heart as cold as any,  
my thoughts for self alone  
Where are the seeds of hope that in me  
you've freely sown?

What are the reparations  
that we must make today?  
What words and deeds  
can ever right wrongs of yesterday-  
Life stolen, stunted, ended –  
in anger, hurt and pain.

How can we hope to ever  
walk side by side again?

“Act justly and love mercy,  
walk humbly with your God!”  
Still challenge us to action –  
to walk the way you trod,  
To join you in your journey,  
to usher in your reign,  
Share grace with broken-hearted,  
and live with healing pain

You are the generous sower  
who still throws out your seed  
For some the source of sharing,  
for others source of greed  
Turn inward thoughts now outward,  
as equals let us stand  
In brokenness and sorrow –  
still guided by your hand

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## **Confession**

Leader: Father God, your nature is always to bring together  
And your very essence is love,  
But we so easily break up into tribes and hurt those who are different to us.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, you came to the squalor of Earth to make one family  
Out of hostile factions,  
But we so often look for comfort, not bothering to understand those who are different  
to us.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you want to grow your fruit in us of love, shalom, patience and kindness,  
Gentleness, faithfulness, self-control,  
But we so easily unleash harsh words, jealous thoughts and selfish actions.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: God who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and  
strengthen us by Your Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

(The sermon should be posted on [sermonica.wordpress.com](http://sermonica.wordpress.com), including (hopefully) some short meditations on the theme for use during the week.)

## **Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

Ben & Kerstin Jeapes

**All: 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Pardon me, your epidermis is showing,** sir  
I couldn't help but note your shade of melanin  
I tip my hat to the colourful arrangement  
Cause I see the beauty in the tones of our skin

We've gotta come together  
And thank the Maker of us all

*We're coloured people, and we live in a  
tainted place  
We're coloured people, and they call us the  
human race  
We've got a history so full of mistakes  
And we are coloured people who depend on  
a Holy Grace*

A piece of canvas is only the beginning for it  
takes on character  
With every loving stroke  
This thing of beauty is the passion of an  
Artist's heart  
By God's design, we are a skin kaleidoscope

We've gotta come together,  
Aren't we all human after all?

(Chorus)

Ignorance has wronged some races and  
vengeance is the Lord's  
If we aspire to share this space, repentance  
is the cure

Well, just a day in the shoes of a colour blind  
man  
Should make it easy for you to see  
That these diverse tones do more than cover  
our bones  
As a part of our anatomy

(Chorus)

We're coloured people,  
and we all gotta share this space  
(Yeah we've got to come together somehow)  
We're coloured people, and we live in a  
tainted world  
(Red and yellow, black and white)  
We're coloured people, every man, woman,  
boy, and girl

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## **Blessing**

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