

James Street Online Service Sunday 4th April 2020



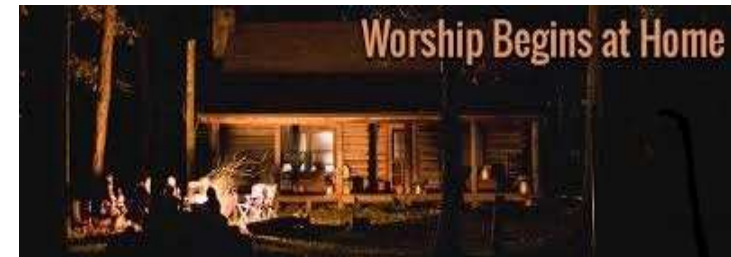
Order of service

- Worship
 - Communion
 - Prayer
 - Brief Talk
 - Worship
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- Please have some bread and wine or juice to hand so we can eat and drink together



Lets Not Forget to meet

- Encourage
 - Hebrews 10: 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- Even though not physically present
 - Colossians 2:5 For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.
- Play your part
 - 1 Cor 14: 26 Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.



Say Together...

- Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
- cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love YOU
- and worthily magnify thy holy name;
- through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Robin Mark Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.
1. These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!



Giuseppe Angeli: Elijah Taken Up in a Chariot of Fire

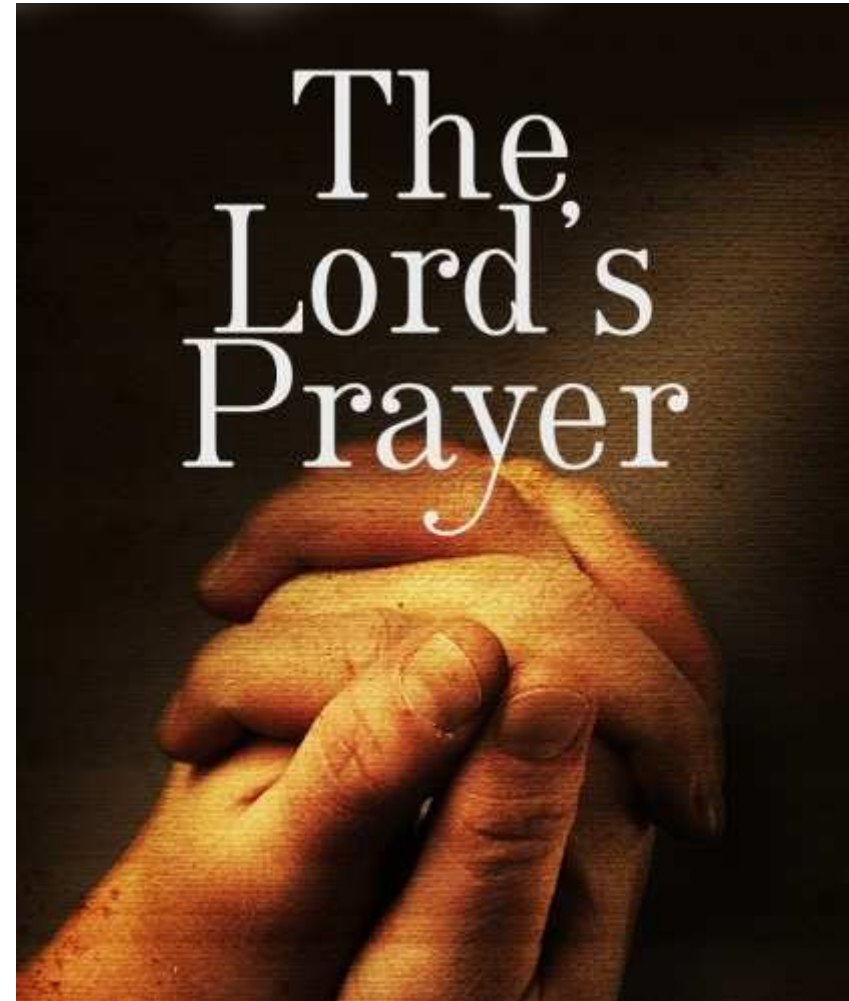
- Robin Mark Days of Elijah
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca9LnzJnpjQ>

Please Pray

- If you feel able please un mute your microphone and pray a short prayer
 - thanksgiving
 - intercession
 - for the city
 - for the health workers
 - for the scientists researching a vaccine
 - for the shop workers
 - for the lonely and alone
 - for the bereaved
 - for our leaders

The Lords Prayer

- Please say together:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.



Remember

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

- Psalm 143 vs 5

- I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.



- Ecclesiastes 12 vs 1

- Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"

- Psalm 39:4,5

- “Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”

When I survey

- 1. When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest Gain I count but Loss,
And pour Contempt on all my Pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the Death of Christ my God:
All the vain Things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.
- 3. See from his Head, his Hands, his
Feet,
Sorrow and Love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such Love and Sorrow meet?
Or Thorns compose so rich a Crown?
- 4. His dying Crimson, like a Robe,
Spreads o'er his Body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the Globe,
And all the Globe is dead to me.
- 5. Were the whole Realm of Nature
mine,
That were a Present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my Soul, my Life, my All.

Cliff Richard – Isaac Watts When I survey the Wondrous Cross
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJ8wvhMY7TU>



Communion Preparation

- **1 Corinthians 11:23-29 New International Version (NIV)**

- ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
- ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Confession

- Most merciful God,
- we confess that we have sinned against you
- in thought, word, and deed,
- by what we have done,
- and by what we have left undone.
- We have not loved you with our whole heart;
- we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves
- We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
- For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
- have mercy on us and forgive us;
- that we may delight in your will,
- and walk in your ways,
- to the glory of your Name. Amen.



Taking the Bread and Wine

- Draw near with faith.
- Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
- which he gave for you,
- and his blood which he shed for you.
- Eat and drink
- in remembrance that he died for you,
- and feed on him in your hearts
- by faith with thanksgiving.

And Can it be

Stewart Townsend Charles Wesley
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu2uA6U4Fvg>

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love Divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
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3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
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4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
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5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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Brief Talk



How did our ancestors cope with much worse...

- 541 CE Plague of Justinian
 - killed 30 to 50 million – 1/2 world's population.
- 1347, The Black Death,
 - Europe 200 million lives in just four years.
- 1348 to 1665—40 outbreaks in 300 years.
 - And with each new plague 20 percent people living in the British capital were killed.
- Great Plague of 1665
 - killed 100,000 Londoners in just seven months.
- 15th century Small pox South America
 - 90 to 95 percent of the indigenous population wiped out”
 - Mexico goes from 11 million people pre-conquest to one million.”
- 1889 Russian Flu 360,000 died
- 1918 Spanish Flu
 - 50 million deaths worldwide,
- 1957 Asian flu
 - 1.1 million deaths globally, 116,000 in the USA.
- 1981 Aids
 - 35 million people worldwide have died of AIDS



- Oberammergau
- The Oberammergau Passion Play was first performed in 1634. According to local legend, the play is performed every ten years because of a vow made by the inhabitants of the village that if God spared them from the effects of the bubonic plague then sweeping the region, they would perform a passion play every ten years.

John Donne – During plague

- WE need eachother
- **"No man is an island**, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee."
- The *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions, and severall steps in my Sicknes*, written in 1624 while Donne was Dean of St. Paul's



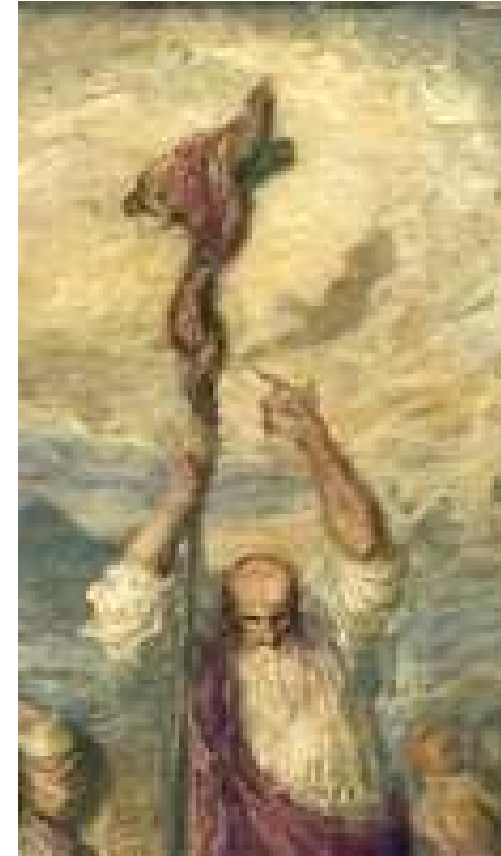
People are afraid

- “A turning point came for Donne as he began to view death not as the disease that permanently spoils life, rather as the only cure to the disease of life, the final stage in the journey that brings us to God. Evil infects all of life on this fallen planet, and only through death—Christ’s death and our own—can we realize a cured state.” Philip Yancey
- There we leave you in that blessed dependency, to hang upon him that hangs upon the cross, there bathe in his tears, there suck at his wounds, and lie down in peace in his grave, till he vouchsafe you a resurrection, and an ascension into that kingdom which He hath prepared for you with the inestimable price of his incorruptible blood. Amen.
- Deaths Duel – Donnes Last sermon before his death at St Pauls before the King



Calling on the Lord

- Numbers 21 vs 8 ⁸The LORD said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.'
- John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."
- James 5: 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.



God limits our movements

- Acts 17 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,^[c] 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,** 27 **that they should seek God,** and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for 'In him we live and move and have our being';^[d]
- Augustine confessions: Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you

Lets appreciate the Sabbath

- Leviticus 25 vs 3 3
 - For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴ But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of Sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the LORD.
- 2 chronicles 21
 - Nebuchadnezzar. ... carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power. 21 The land enjoyed its Sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah.
- Mark 2
 - 23 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”
 - ...27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

A city no longer forsaken

- How can we stay silent
When the noise of praise has gone?
Our tongues can't dare keep quiet
Til His Righteousness shines like the dawn
How can we grow tired
When his return is nigh?
The skyline will burn bright again
Like a diadem on the crown of Christ
- A brand new name,
Straight from the mouth of God,
The orphaned ones now take
Through the waning years He preserves His own
In a City No Longer forsaken
- How can we not clear the way
With such open grace?
How can we withhold our prayers
To the God who spares all who His seek His face?
- A brand new land
Tilled by his tender hand
The thorns and thistles break
From the desert sand the harvest comes
In a city no longer forsaken



- Unbend the road, the Saviour rides!
Send up the signal high
Over the gravel waste, His highway runs
In a city no longer forsaken
Every door will be stained with Salvation's name
In a City no Longer Forsaken
- Sojourn Music Jamie Barnes
- Based on Isaiah 62
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxvNybMo1So>

Agnes Dei

- Alleluia Alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia Alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Holy Holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Michael W. Smith - Agnus Dei

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPBmFwBSGb0>

