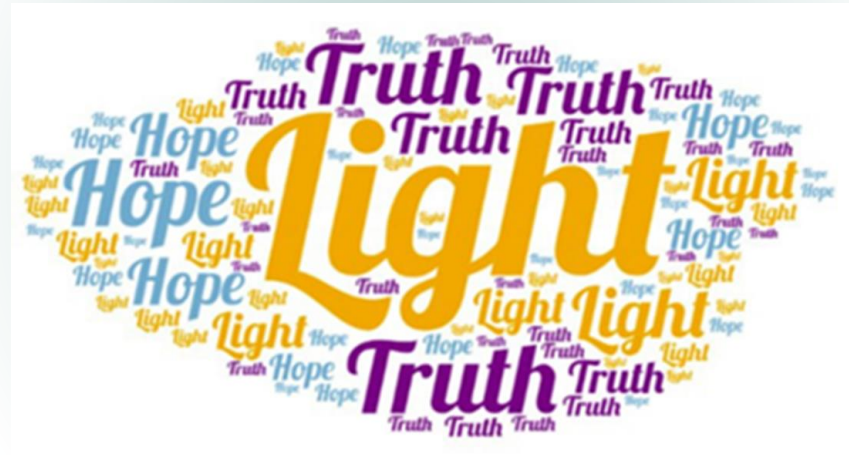


# Hope, Truth & Light



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## *Call to Worship*

**I will lift up my eyes to the hills— from whence comes my help?**

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**

**Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.**

**The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.**

**Prayer:**      *Josh Bion*

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Un - to the hills I lift my eyes, where can I find a

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Em7 A13 A9 D

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## *Psalm 121*

*Unto the hills I lift my eyes  
Where can I find a friendly hand?  
The Lord Himself will be my help,  
Who heav'n and Earth by wisdom planned.*

*He will not let your foot be moved;  
Beholding you He does not sleep;  
The God who Israel sustains  
Will you within His watching keep.*



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B $\flat$ 

F

E $\flat$ 

F

Voice

I'll bless the Lord — e - tem - al - ly —

B $\flat$ 

F

E $\flat$ 

F

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for all the works — wrought by His hand; —

## Psalm 9

9  $E^b$  F 7(9)  $B^b$   $E^b$

things oth - ers are \_\_\_\_ too blind to see, \_\_\_\_ those things He's helped me un -

13  $E^b6$  Cm7 F 7sus F 7(9)

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**I'll bless the Lord eternally  
For all the works wrought by His hand;  
Things others are too blind to see,  
Those things He's made me understand.**

**My enemies will disappear  
When forced to contemplate Your gaze;  
Each providence you engineer  
Reveals Your judgment in our days.**



**Our godless culture soon will be  
By faithful warrior-saints transformed;  
The ruins all around I see  
Will be forgotten or reformed.**

**Then those oppressed who cry to God  
Will find a shelter from the storm;  
All who rely upon His word  
Will live to see His kingdom dawn.**

## *Psalm 9*

**The kingdoms of the world sink down  
As faithful saints expose their lies;  
The rebel platitudes they've sown  
Will trap them soon before our eyes.**

**Let every nation, every man,  
Hallow Your name and humbly fear;  
May all our children understand  
They are but creatures dwelling here.**

## *Further prayers/declarations*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
Blessed are the meek,  
Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,**

**Blessed are the merciful,  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
Blessed are those who are  
persecuted for righteousness' sake,**

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
For they shall be comforted.  
For they shall inherit the earth.**

**For they shall be filled.**

**For they shall obtain mercy.  
For they shall see God.  
For they shall be called sons of God.**

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

## ***Isaiah 40:28-31***



**1. Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard,  
That firm remains on high  
The everlasting throne of Him  
Who formed the earth and sky?**

**2. Supreme in wisdom as in power  
The Rock of Ages stands;  
Though Him thou canst not see, nor trace  
The workings of His hands.**

**3. Mere human power shall fast decay,  
And youthful vigour cease;  
But they who wait upon the Lord  
In strength shall still increase.**

**4. The saints shall mount on eagles' wings,  
And taste the promised bliss,  
Till their unwearied feet arrive  
Where perfect pleasure is.**



Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. 2 But he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he rebuilt the [a]high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he worshiped all [b]the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, “In Jerusalem shall My name be forever.” 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the [c]house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers—only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.” 9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

And the Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not [d]listen. 11 Therefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with [e]hooks, bound him with [f]bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon. 12 Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city. 16 He also repaired the altar of the Lord, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the [g]high places, but only to the Lord their God.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, indeed they are written in the [h]book of the kings of Israel. 19 Also his prayer and how God received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built [i]high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they are written among the sayings of [j]Hozai. 20 So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

# Questions for discussion



# *Declaration of Repentance*

**God did not speak to our fathers, or command them in the day that He brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.**

**But this is what He commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’**

**Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that our fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, God even sent to us His servants the prophets, yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.**

**Are we a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord our God nor receive correction?**

*Jeremiah 7*



## ***Hosea 14:***

O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

2 Take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity; receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride on horses, nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, ‘You are our gods.’ For in You the fatherless finds mercy.”

*4 “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him.*

*5 I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, and lengthen his roots like Lebanon.*

*6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon.*

*7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall be revived like grain, and grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.*

8 “Ephraim shall say, ‘What have I to do anymore with idols?’ I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me.”

9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

# O Israel, Return! (Hosea Ch 14)

Words: Steve Layfield; Music: Keith & Kristine Getty

A sus

D

G

A

D

G

A

O Is - ra - el, re - turn un - to the Lord, — cease from stum - bling in deep dark -

The first system of music is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

D

A sus

D

G

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D

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D/F#

ness; and be con - trite, by ta - king up these words, re - cog - ni - sing fool - ish blind - ness: "From us re -

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

G D A D G D Bm A A sus D

9

9 move un-ho-ly ways, re-store us gra-cious-ly we pray; and from these lips, now clean, re -

G A D G A D D sus D A sus

14

14 ceive to day, — as a gift, true praise and glad - ness!"

***O Israel, return unto the Lord  
Cease from stumbling in deep darkness;  
And be contrite, by taking up these words,  
Recognising foolish blindness:  
“From us remove unholy ways,  
Restore us graciously, we pray;  
And from these lips, now clean, receive today  
As a gift, true praise and gladness!”***



***Shall we be saved by the Assyrian?  
Let us trust no more in horses!  
Let not our hearts put any confidence  
In the might of human forces!  
Such feeble gods, made by these hands,  
Can neither comfort nor us keep;  
Maintain our course in all that God commands  
As a Father full of kindness!***



## **Hosea 14**

***The Lord, His wrath shall surely turn aside  
More abundantly He'll bless us;  
As morning dew, His favour He'll revive  
Like the lily, He will dress us!  
Vine, root and branch, in strength shall grow  
With fragrance, holy from on high  
And be renewed, like sweet refreshing wine,  
On the mountain-heights of Sinai!***

## **Hosea 14**

***Ephraim at last, in haste shall turn away,  
From dumb idols borne of madness.  
He then shall say, "Let now my life display  
Pleasant fruits of gospel goodness!"  
Let prudent minds these things survey;  
The works and ways of God are right.  
Such hands and feet, in Christ, shall never stray  
Into paths of sinful sadness.***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
And became truly human.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried..... *(cont')***



**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
And His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
Who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Nicene Creed***

## *Further prayers*

**O Lord, may our hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

**As we therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as we have been taught, abounding with thanksgiving.**



**Our Father 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us complete in every good work to do His will, working in us what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.***

***Amen.***