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Discovering Greatness

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world of division, YOU CALL US TO UNITY.
In a world of getting, YOU CALL US TO GIVING.
In a world pain, YOU CALL US TO HEALING.
Call us today, God.
CALL US IN THIS MOMENT.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all knowing, you know us each so well.
You know our secret fears.
You know our hidden hurts.
You alone know the damage we inflict on ourselves.
Remind us today, here – in this place, that you are the great doctor of souls,
the one who binds up wounds.
May our knowing of your loving give us courage to live and worship you today.
Amen.


SONG

When I survey the wondrous Cross

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/539872850/5a67bdb1f6>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we read the gospels, we know that Jesus was no respecter of rank or privilege.
We know that he lived in the true knowledge that every person he met was the very image of you before him.
We know he welcomed all as you welcomed him.
We know this and yet...
We find it so hard to abandon false hierarchies amongst us.
We find it imposable to live without ranking ourselves against others.
And, so very often, we do not see the glory of God shining from the face of another.
Forgive us, God.
Forgive us our little systems of control,



our prejudices, our pettiness,
our smallness in your infinite world of goodness.
This is our humble prayer.
Amen.

ASSURANCE

Listen, community of faith!
Forgiveness is yours!
It comes free, unconstrained and abundant,
on this day and on all days.
Thanks be to God!
Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

The Spirit within me honours the Spirit within you.
(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

SONG

How Great Thou Art

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/625058316/c3d3d79251>

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

OFFERING

God who gives life to all,
who gives the world its life,
who is the life of the whole universe,
we bring our giving to you.
May the giving of ourselves in service to you and your world
be a true giving in joy and humility.
Amen.

READINGS

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

REFLECTION

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- When has God, with no words, spoken to you through creation?
- Has there been a time when you can identify with Job's question...*"why is this happening to me?"*



SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

The Servant King

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/625070111/11c0a8f292>

BLESSING

God calls us to courage.

God calls us to step into the unknown
with only the trust and hope of God's presence,
with only the role of the servant to guide us.

So, let us go in courage.

Let us go in hope.

Let us go in trust.

Let us go in God.

Amen.

BLESSING SONG

Bless the Lord

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