

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021



From different lives:

**We come to worship.**

From good weeks and bad weeks:

**We come to worship.**

Bringing great times and painful memories:

**We come to worship.**

Needing healing, needing peace:

**We come to worship.**

With hope in our hearts:

**We come to worship.**

To the Almighty God:

**We come to worship.**

To the King of Kings:

**We come to worship.**

Together:

**We come to worship.**

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### **READING: NEHEMIAH 1:1-11**

#### **Nehemiah's Prayer**

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

<sup>4</sup> When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: “LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’”

<sup>10</sup> “They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. <sup>11</sup> Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man.”

I was cupbearer to the king.

## **SERMON: REVD WILL HUNTER SMART**

### **1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,**

Revive your church with life and power;  
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit your church to meet this hour.

### **2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,**

Till humbly we confess our need;  
Then in your tenderness remake us,  
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

### **3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,**

Renewing thought and will and heart;  
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
Revive your church in every part.

### **4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating While harvest fields are vast and white? Revive, us Lord, the world is waiting, Equip your church to spread the light.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

followed by the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

## **THE GRACE**

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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