

An Act of Worship for the West Sussex (Coast and Downs) Circuit

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Welcome

A message from Rev.Dawn Carn (<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3ynlvo8ry9npqxi/AAA-5enLpRZkAEXpeAHEBOZra?dl=0>)

Opening Prayer

Lord God, although we cannot join together to worship, we still want to praise you - our Creator and Saviour, our Supporter and Friend. While in different places, we lift our hearts and minds together as Your people here on earth. On this National Day of Prayer and Action we pray for the hope and light that can only come from You, the One True Light and the Hope of the World.

Amen

Hymn

Light of the World by Chris Tomlin (link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfJSOpCDgUw>)

Reading

The gospel reading for today is John 9:1-41 about a blind man who is healed by Jesus. It has been suggested we focus on verses 35-38 (see link below) as the man recognizes Jesus for who He is.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+9%3A35-38&version=NIV>

Reflection

Watch this song from Casting Crowns that emphasises how we are not alone in this or any other difficult time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjNZf878ISQ>

Prayer

This prayer was circulated by our Superintendent Ian Suttie and is based on 2 Timothy 1v7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others.
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend Church.
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

Spend a moment thinking about other concerns for yourself, your family and across the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

Hymn

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven by Henry Francis Lyte
(link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n_BPn5BxH4)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, with those that we love and those that we are called to love, now and for evermore. Amen.