



The Methodist Chapel and St Thomas' Church
Brompton, Northallerton



Brompton Online Church

14:30 Sunday 2nd May 2021

Hymn STF 496, HO&N -

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory;
you have placed your powerful Spirit in the hearts of humankind.

*All around us we have known you,
all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying
we are bringing you to birth.*

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image;
we are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

God, beyond all time, you are labouring within us;
we are moving, we are changing in your Spirit ever new.

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

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1 John 4: 7 – 13

- 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
- 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
- 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 4: 16-24

- 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
- 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- 19 We love because he first loved us.
- 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.
- 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Acts 8:26-39

- 26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."
- 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,
- 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.
- 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."
- 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.
- 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.
- 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:
"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
- 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."
- 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"
- 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.
- 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"
- 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.
- 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Hymn STF 12, HO&N -

Morning glory, starlit sky,
leaves in springtime, swallows' flight,
autumn gales, tremendous seas,
sounds and scents of summer night;

Soaring music, towering words,
art's perfection, scholar's truth,
joy supreme of human love,
memory's treasure, grace of youth;

Open, Lord, are these, thy gifts,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full;
bound in setting others free;
poor in making many rich;
weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who thee reveals,
hangs, O Father, on that Tree,
helpless; and the nails and thorns
tell of what thy love must be.

Thou art God, no monarch thou,
throned in easy state to reign;
thou art God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)
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Hymn STF 407, HO&N -

Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.

King of heaven, we will answer the call ...

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