

## Immanuel Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021:

### Call to worship

We live in tough times, hard times financially, politically, and socially, and It's easy to think that the world is going to pot when we switch on the news. It's easy to think, perhaps, that God had rejected the world.

But now more than ever, we need to celebrate God, because it is now that we need God most, it is now that God will be there for us - we may be on our holidays, but God never takes a holiday - Humanity may be at the hardest stretch that it's been at for many a year, but as Paul writes to the Romans: God's mercy is available to us all.

Let's celebrate this morning, not just because it's the summer, not just because it's the holidays, but let's celebrate God's enduring love for all of us.

### HYMN R&S 45 Morning has broken...

<p>1. Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird. Praise for the singing Praise for the morning Praise for them springing Fresh from the word.</p> <p>2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall On the first grass. Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden Sprung in completeness Where his feet pass.</p>	<p>3. Mine is the sunlight Mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation Praise every morning God's re-creation Of the new day!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Eleanor Farjean</i> <i>Tune : Bunessan, a gaelic melody</i></p>
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### Prayers of approach and Lord's Prayer

### HYMN R&S 49 Sing praise to the Lord...

<p>1. Sing praise to the Lord Praise him in the height; Rejoice in his word Blest angels of light; High heavens adore him By whom ye were made, And worship before him In brightness arrayed</p>	<p>2 Sing praise to the Lord All people on earth. In tuneful accord Sing praise for new birth; Praise him who hath brought you His grace from above, Praise him who hath taught you To sing of his love.</p>
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3. Sing praise to the Lord,  
 All things that give sound;  
 Each jubilant chord  
 Re-echo around  
 Loud organs, his glory  
 Forth tell in deep tone  
 And, sweet harp, the story  
 Of what he has done.

4. Sing praise to the Lord!  
 Thanksgiving and song  
 To him be outpoured  
 All ages along  
 For love in creation,  
 For Heaven restored,  
 For grace of salvation;  
 Sing praise to the Lord!

*H .W. Baker  
 Tune: Laudate Dominum*

**OFFERING AND DEDICATION  
 and we share the words of the Grace**

**Reading:** Leviticus 23. 1-8

The Lord God spoke to Moses, saying "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them : These are the appointed festivals of the Lord that you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed festivals. For six days shall work be done , but the seventh day is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation: you shall do no work: it is a sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements.

These are the appointed festivals of the Lord, the holy convocations which you shall celebrate at the time appointed for them. In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight , there shall be a passover -offering to the Lord and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the festival of unleavened bread to the Lord; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation : you shall not work at your occupations. For seven days you shall present the Lord's offerings by fire; on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation: you shall not work at your occupations."

**Reflection**

**Prayer of Intercession**

**HYMN R&S 603 Lord for the years...**

1. Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,  
 Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
 Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided;  
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today .

2. Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us  
 Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
 Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;  
 Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land. in this our generation,  
 Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
 For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord for our world, when we disown and doubt you,  
 Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
 Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you;  
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
 Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
 Past put behind us, for the future take us,  
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith  
 Tune: Lord for the Years*

**Blessing**