

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

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# Call to Worship

**Leader:** The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

**All:** Blessings, honour, glory and power belongs to our God. Amen.

## Song: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

Be Thou my shield  
And my sword for the fight  
Be Thou my dignity  
Be Thou my might

Thou my soul's shelter  
And Thou my high tow'r  
Raise Thou me heav'nward  
O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

# Prayer of Adoration

## Prayer of Confession & Assurance

*As we come to God we ask for forgiveness and remind ourselves that when we do so God promises to listen and respond with grace.*

**Leader (Confession):** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly ask for your forgiveness.

**All (Assurance):** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## Humans of Cornerstone

### Bible Reading: Luke 8

#### THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

8 After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup>and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come

out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

<sup>4</sup> While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: <sup>5</sup> 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.'

When he said this, he called out, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, 'The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;  
Though hearing, they may not understand.”

<sup>11</sup> 'This is the meaning of the parable: the seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

#### **A LAMP ON A STAND**

<sup>16</sup> 'No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. <sup>17</sup> For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. <sup>18</sup> Therefore

consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.'

### JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS

<sup>19</sup> Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup> Someone told him, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.'

<sup>21</sup> He replied, 'My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice.'

## Lectura Bíblica: Lucas 8

### PARÁBOLA DEL SEMBRADOR

<sup>8</sup> Después de esto, Jesús estuvo recorriendo los pueblos y las aldeas, proclamando las buenas nuevas del reino de Dios. Lo acompañaban los doce, <sup>2</sup> y también algunas mujeres que habían sido sanadas de espíritus malignos y de enfermedades: María, a la que llamaban Magdalena, y de la que habían salido siete demonios; <sup>3</sup> Juana, esposa de Cuza, el administrador de Herodes; Susana y muchas más que los ayudaban con sus propios recursos.

<sup>4</sup> De cada pueblo salía gente para ver a Jesús y, cuando se reunió una gran multitud, él les contó esta parábola: <sup>5</sup> «Un sembrador salió a sembrar. Al esparcir la semilla, una parte cayó junto al camino; fue pisoteada, y los pájaros se la comieron. <sup>6</sup> Otra parte cayó sobre las piedras y, cuando brotó, las plantas se secaron por falta de humedad. <sup>7</sup> Otra parte cayó entre espinos que, al crecer junto con la semilla, la ahogaron. <sup>8</sup> Pero otra parte cayó en buen terreno; así que brotó y produjo una cosecha del ciento por uno».

Dicho esto, exclamó: «El que tenga oídos para oír, que oiga».

<sup>9</sup>Sus discípulos le preguntaron cuál era el significado de esta parábola. <sup>10</sup>«A ustedes se les ha concedido que conozcan los secretos del reino de Dios —les contestó—; pero a los demás se les habla por medio de parábolas para que

»“aunque miren, no vean;  
aunque oigan, no entiendan”.

<sup>11</sup>»Este es el significado de la parábola: La semilla es la palabra de Dios. <sup>12</sup>Los que están junto al camino son los que oyen, pero luego viene el diablo y les quita la palabra del corazón, no sea que crean y se salven. <sup>13</sup>Los que están sobre las piedras son los que reciben la palabra con alegría cuando la oyen, pero no tienen raíz. Estos creen por algún tiempo, pero se apartan cuando llega la prueba. <sup>14</sup>La parte que cayó entre espinos son los que oyen, pero, con el correr del tiempo, los ahogan las preocupaciones, las riquezas y los placeres de esta vida, y no maduran. <sup>15</sup>Pero la parte que cayó en buen terreno son los que oyen la palabra con corazón noble y bueno, y la retienen; y, como perseveran, producen una buena cosecha.

#### **UNA LÁMPARA EN UNA REPISA**

<sup>16</sup>»Nadie enciende una lámpara para después cubrirla con una vasija o ponerla debajo de la cama, sino para ponerla en una repisa, a fin de que los que entren tengan luz. <sup>17</sup>No hay nada escondido que no llegue a descubrirse, ni nada oculto que no llegue a conocerse públicamente. <sup>18</sup>Por lo tanto, pongan mucha atención. Al que tiene, se le dará más; al que no tiene, hasta lo que cree tener se le quitará».

#### **LA MADRE Y LOS HERMANOS DE JESÚS**

<sup>19</sup>La madre y los hermanos de Jesús fueron a verlo, pero, como había mucha gente, no lograban acercársele.

<sup>20</sup>— Tu madre y tus hermanos están afuera y quieren verte —le avisaron.

<sup>21</sup> Pero él les contestó:

— Mi madre y mis hermanos son los que oyen la palabra de Dios y la ponen en práctica.

## Song: Psalm 47 (Shout to God)

God has gone up with a shout  
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet  
We will sing praises  
We will sing praises

God is the King of the earth  
Pour out your heart before Him  
We will sing praises  
We will sing praises

*Shout to God with songs of joy  
Lay your burdens down before  
Our risen King; He has overcome the grave*

God is the King of the earth  
Pour out your heart before Him  
We will sing praises  
We will sing praises

*Chorus x2*

The Earth will sing, Holy Holy  
The heavens sing, Holy Holy  
Creation sings, Holy Holy  
We will sing, Holy Holy!

*Chorus x2*

# Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

## Talk

## Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my  
pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me  
most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His  
feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled  
down  
Did ever such love and sorrow  
meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature  
mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

## Benediction

# Coming up

*At the close of the service this morning your City Group will be meeting online via Zoom.  
Please contact your City Group leader if you need more info.*

**Prayer Meeting** – Wednesday, 7.30pm. We're hearing from Seoras & Sarah about serving refugees in the Middle East. Make space for this in your diary if you can!

**Women's Bible Study** is having a break for the holidays so won't meet this week.

**Teens Movie Night** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We're having a Zoom movie night for the high school Cornerstone girls! More details to follow...

**Old Schoolhouse Updates** – Follow the latest at [www.osh.org.uk/updates](http://www.osh.org.uk/updates).

**Hardship Fund** - During this time we really want to help those who are struggling financially and we've set up a fund for those connected to Cornerstone who need assistance.

If you would like to donate to this fund or apply for help, please contact: AnnaLauren on [annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:annalauren@cornerstone-edinburgh.com) or Laird (Colin) on [colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com](mailto:colin@cornerstone-edinburgh.com) for details.

**Giving Information** – If you would like to make a donation to the work of Cornerstone in Edinburgh, please follow this link:

[www.cornerstone-edinburgh.com/donate](http://www.cornerstone-edinburgh.com/donate)

## **Pastoral Care for the whole Church**

Our hope is that everyone connected to Cornerstone is taken care of during this time. Please also be proactive in connecting with your City Group leaders and letting them know how you are. Let's be creative about being in touch with others and finding our own ways to connect also. Feel free to contact me, Laird or AnnaLauren at any time if you need help of any kind.

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