

Whare Karakia

Home prayers

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Daniel 3:14-28

Our God Whom We Serve is Able to Deliver Us

Opening Prayer

Thankyou God for opportunity
Here is a new day,
and we have drawn aside to meet with you.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O most high;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning
And your faithfulness by night.

For you Lord have made me glad by
your work;
At the works of your hands I sing for
joy.
Thankyou God. The Lord Jesus meets
us here.
Amen

Confession

God of all power and healing,
God of strength and wholeness,
We offer to you this day, our sins, our failings, our brokenness and the times we forget
that you are Almighty God.

*Let us take a moment to bring to mind those things that we have said and done that
have saddened us and God.*

Absolution

The God of love brings us back to himself,
Forgives us our sins,
And assures us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

*This is a newer version of
Psalm 23 that we have been
singing in church. If you don't
know the tune or remember it,
then just allow the words to
speak to you in this new day.*

The Lord is my Shepherd
He goes before me
Defender behind me
I won't fear
I'm filled with anointing
My cup's overflowing
No weapon can harm me
I won't fear

Chorus
Hallelujah,
I am not alone
He's my Comfort,
always holds me close
Repeat

He always guides me
Through mountains and
valleys
His joy is refreshing
Restores my soul
Mercy and goodness
Give me assurance
That I'll see His glory
Face to face

Bridge
Your Spirit lives
within me
So I will walk in
Your peace
Your Spirit lives
within me
My victory, my
victory

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Reflection: From Val

When I was a child we called Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego, shake-your-bed, make-your-bed, and into-bed-you-go! Unusual names, but what's special about these young men? They chose to be thrown into a blazing furnace rather than bow down to worship a golden image, and they believed that their God was worthy of praise whether he saved them from the fire or not.

What happened when they were thrown in the fire? Firstly, the ropes that had held them firmly tied were burned off, so that they were free to walk around, maybe even run and dance! Then, they realized that they were unharmed - not even a bit singed, as they examined their skin and clothes in awe and wonder. Finally, they were enjoying the company of an angelic presence, or was it even the Lord God Almighty communing with them?

It's in the fiery trials of life that our faith is stripped back to basics. Do I believe that my God is able? Will I hold on and trust even if things don't go how I want them to? It's in the fire that we can find freedom from things that have tied us up in knots, letting the superficial fall away and connecting with the One who is always present.

- Many Christians have been martyred for their faith. What difference would it make to this faith story if these men had died?
- On a scale of 1-10 how free do you feel right now? Physical, mental, spiritual? How can we be 'free in spirit' in the middle of restrictions or trials?

Jesus is present with you in the midst of whatever situation you are in today. Ask that your awareness of this truth would be increased. *"You came near when I called you, and you said, 'Do not fear'."* Lamentations 3 v.57

Intercessions

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray. Create your own prayers for each of the headings below:



The World



The Church



Communities



Sickness

Closing Prayer

God, you never change, you are always here.
 When we are lonely or scared or helpless You watch over us.
 Hear us when we cry out to you and help us to always depend
 on your faithfulness and stand firm when things get tough. In Jesus name we
 pray. Amen