



The season of Pentecost 12th August 2018



Call to thoughtfulness let your God love you Edwina Gately (edwinagately.com)

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.

Let your God—
Love you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 484 Great God your love has called us here vs 2 and 4 unaccompanied

The gathering prayer God's call even today (Ephesians 4 1-16) URC P 76



When the journey unfolds, but without a plan!

A harbour seal, 17 miles inland on the Somerset levels

HYMN The journey **Words** Joy Dine **Tune** Lewis folk melody 716 **(Piano)**

God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days, grant the vision that we lack-
once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

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EPHESIANS Ch4 v 25 – Ch 5, v2 **be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving** **or at least try!**

Prayer

Instil in us a desire

URC p 79

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, give us your peace!



POSTCARDS FROM GOD (1) Imtiaz Dharker Pub Viking Penguin New Delhi 1994

Yes, I do feel like a visitor,
a tourist in this world
that I once made.
I rarely talk,
except to ask the way,
distrusting my interpreters,
tired out by the babble
of what they do not say.
I walk around through battered streets,
distinctly lost,
looking for landmarks
from another, promised past.

Here, in this strange place,
in a disjointed time,
I am nothing but a space
that sometimes has to fill.
Images invade me.
Picture postcards overlap my empty face
demanding to be stamped and sent.

'Dear . . .'
Who am I speaking to?
I think I may have misplaced the address,
but still, I feel the need
to write to you;
not so much or your sake
as for mine,

to raise these barricades
against my fear:
Postcards from god.
Proof that I was here

**Be still and know that I am God, and there is none beside me,
Be still and know that I am God, and there is none beside me**



**OFFERTORY HYMN**

small portions, big hearts

Words John Samson

Tune Hyfrydol

Now with bread shared with each other, a small portion by your grace
 Help us share with one another all across the human race
 Make us kind and always giving , selfless people, honest and true
 Brothers and sisters in our living, shown in all we say and do

Called disciples, you we follow , working in community
 Let us strive today, tomorrow for a sense of unity
 Where we're diff'rent give us wisdom to embrace the joy therein
 Let us all live in your kingdom freed from prejudice and sin

You have called us as your people, called us all to walk the way
 Whether strong or whether feeble, guide our steps from day to day
 In our work and in our leisure, may your will be always done
 Till we reach that final pleasure when all humankind is one.

~ The Sharing of bread and wine ~

1 KINGS 19 4-8, followed by the prayer, Grace to Accept URC p 78 The Lord's Prayer

During the sharing we listen to Pie Jesu from the Requiem in C major Charles Gounod

HYMN 622 We sing a love that sets all people free

A tryst (Spoken together)

*Lord, set your blessing upon us as we begin this new week together
 Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn
 We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need
 As we offer ourselves and the days ahead for you and to you
 May our faith, unbound from fear, pride or anxiety, speak of your boundless grace, forgiveness and love.
 Make us your disciples, faithful disciples, open to the rush of your breath and the depth of your love
 Help us rise to the journey as people of the way*

The Blessing after which we sing **786**

*It is not true Church is just for believers: Church is first about belonging.
 It is not true Church is a list of doctrines: Church is first a way of relating to the world.
 It is not true Church has an ending already worked out: Church is an adventure and a risk*