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The writing is on the wall ... even as the leaves fall



Call to thoughtfulness and our senses

HYMN God of all seasons **Words** John Coutts **Tune** Stowey **230**

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Great God of all seasons, in mercy and power, you rule every star and rejoice in each flower.
Once more for good harvest we offer our praise and promise to give you the fruit of our days.

For autumn proclaims you, in russet and gold, and winter obeys you, with keen cutting cold,
till spring with new greenness takes all by surprise and summer brings fullness to gladden our eyes.

Through fields full of plenty the harvesters go, while others must labour with sickle and hoe.
And some are kept hungry by folly and greed: Lord, help us remember our neighbour in need.

Through skill and through science our harvests increase. Let knowledge be used to bring plenty and peace,
to free the world's poor from the terrors of dearth: Lord, help us to cherish your bountiful earth.

In wonder and faith, on this truth we rely: your goodness and wisdom will never run dry.
The best of our hearts and our gardens we bring to crown you, dear Lord, as our Friend and our King.

Lord of life, we come to you. Lord of all, our saviour be; come to bless and to heal with the light of your love

Through the days of doubt and toil, in our joy and in our pain; guide our steps in your way, make us one in your love



Daniel Ch 5 13 - 30

you might not want to hear this!

HYMN Shorter days

Words Andrew Pratt

Tune Garelochside 721

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As shorter days prevail, we know as we are known:
We face the truth of our deceit within God's judgement zone.

We see as we are seen, as God and truth conspire,
A panorama of our lives confronts each wild desire.

Then at the darkest hour a laser sears the night,
As sharp as any spirit's sword that cleaves our wrong and right.

As we discern ourselves, deride, despair, regret,
Compassion moves God's love to us: Love will forgive, forget.



Reflection what holds us back? it is good to let go and we can!

Some time for quietness and letting go

Prayer Sight and insight; a litany URC p 101

Be still and know that I am God and there is none beside me
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Mark 10 46 -52 throwing off his cloak p 44

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

POSTSCRIPT an image to play with: Jonah!





You never quite know where the whale will spew you out! Nineveh

Offertory Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me? Piano

Prayers Whoever wishes to be great (Mark 10 35-45) URC p 99

The Lord's prayer

HYMN 237 Look forward in faith

A tryst (Spoken together)

*Lord, set your blessing upon us as we set out on 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, for your love's purpose*

The Blessing after which we sing H 786

The undermining in our wider culture of a sense of our origins as created in the image of God,
and of our purpose as partners in God's ongoing work of creation,
has stunted the vocational journey
and rendered it nothing more than a race for
greater success, greater influence, greater fame or greater reward