

Darlington Christian Fellowship – 5th April
Speaker Rob Cox

Welcome everyone to our second virtual service at Darlington Christian Fellowship. It's fantastic that we have the technology, and help from the Lord to put together our service even though we can't meet together.

Some will be listening, some will be reading the notes but we're all here together to worship the same Lord and to be blessed by the same Holy Spirit.

Our speaker today is Rob Cox. Most of you would have met Rob he's a fairly recent attendee, but his wife Kath and daughter Ellie have been regulars for some time now at the front singing and we've been blessed by them. So welcome Rob and we look forward to hearing your message.

Let's start our time together by opening in prayer and taking our time to the Lord.

Our heavenly Father, things are so different and this way of meeting is so different, but we thank you that we have that time to meet we thank you Father. Help us as we spend time now, help us with some different things that we need. Help us to concentrate, to not be distracted by all the things going on around us. We pray Father that you will give us encouragement. Encouragement to know that our brothers and sisters are meeting with us, encouragement to know that you are our Lord. And Father we asked the ability to see and hear you; sometimes in different ways, to be aware of different things around us. So Father we commit our day and to you now in Jesus name. Amen,

We're now going to have a time of worship through song. We are going start with two songs. The first song is Faithful One, and this is a reminder that our God is one constant in our lives. Unchanging and unchangeable, and forever faithful.

The second song, I think we've had it once before, but it may be new to many of you, is a chance to reflect on what really is important to us now and to praise our Father for His reliability and His faithfulness.

Faithful one

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxviwvjyg1w&list=PLEXk72ocMuJP5sNXpcaL4uDjZ7vE9F-K4&index=4>

Faithful One, so unchanging
Ageless One, You're my rock of peace
Lord of all, I depend on You
I call out to You, again and again
I call out to You, again and again

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You are my Rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
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Some trust in chariots

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlaZ2Jrem7I&list=PLEXk72ocMuJP5sNXpcaL4uDjZ7vE9F-K4&index=43>

Worthy of all our praise are You O Lord
The Lamb of God once slain upon the cross
Where Heaven's light divine shone on that frame
And cast its shadow through eternal days

Oh praise our God and magnify His name
For He is good and worthy of all praise

Some trust in chariots or men of war
But I will put my trust in You O Lord

Your all-sufficient grace is all I need
Your name and glory Lord is all I seek

Oh praise our God and magnify His name
For He is good and worthy of all praise
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Father you are indeed worthy of our praise. We praise you and magnify your name. Help us each one to put our trust in you o Lord, not in ourselves, our possessions or our government. We thank you Father and praise you for your faithfulness. In Jesus name, Amen.

Well, normally now we have announcements, and I'll make a couple. Obviously it's an important time for our church and there are some challenges so I really would encourage you all to pray for each other and for our council as they start to plan now for the coming weeks and months.

Remember too that Rob has made some effort to put out some people that we should try and keep in contact with and that I'd encourage you to do that. Not perhaps even just limit yourself to you that group. You would have all received an invitation to morning tea after the service, and I would encourage you to try and get into that through Zoom and look forward to seeing as many as possible there.

I will just remind you too about the fact that we can't take up our offering. The church still needs to function and if you get the chance to may do a direct debit or some other method it'd be fantastic, because those commitments are important not just for a church before us as we offer what the Lord has given to us in thanks.

We are going to sing again now, at least maybe just listen to some more songs. I'm certainly indulging in my love of Irish music today. Don't worry Rob there's no Furies or Chieftains in this one but there are some great songs. And the first one, in fact these next two songs, are about the hope we have for the future and the things that we have always held close to ourselves and yet are not important. And now, if ever there has been a time in our lives to think about that. This is a fantastic opportunity that we have to spend time with the Lord. Not just in prayer but in the study of His scripture as well. And not just to have the chance to learn about Him but to learn to know him.

So let's have these two songs now; There is a Hope and All I once held dear.

There is a hope https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_yv5yGZnBc

There is a hope that burns within my heart
That gives me strength for every passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part
Yet drives all doubt away
I stand in Christ with sins forgiven
And Christ in me the hope of heaven
My highest calling and my deepest joy
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit
I find the Saviour there
Through present sufferings future's fear
He whispers courage in my ear
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face
When sufferings cease and sorrows die
And every longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home.

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All I once held dear <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxpPla-BskY>

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die

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We're now going to have a time of prayer. For those of you who are reading just letting you know that I'll be leaving some gaps during which time we can pray silently. So I would encourage you as you read through to spend time praying about the issues that I'm talking about. I divided it up and I'm going to lead us through step by step.

Let us commit our time now to our Father.
First of all, let us pray for our world. Father there are many in great hardship and trauma. We think of Italy and Spain and the great difficulties they are facing.

We pray for the United States and we asked you to intervene to protect them from the rapid spread of the disease.

And we pray fearfully for many countries yet to be impacted, but knowing the consequences could be catastrophic in some.

We pray for our country. We thank you Father for the solidarity which our leaders are achieving. We give thanks for the chief medical officers and we pray for wisdom and endurance for them and the rest of the national cabinet. Father we give thanks especially for Scott Morrison. We thank you that our first openly evangelical Christian Prime Minister has had the courage to pray for the nation publicly. We ask that you bless him.

We pray for our church. Father we pray for Rob and Sue that you will continue to bless their ministry to us. We pray you will protect them as well from sickness. We pray for our Council, please give them insight, wisdom and boldness. Father we ask that as a church you will help us to seize the opportunity to show we are different, to not be daunted by worldliness but to speak to our friends and neighbours about you.

Father we pray for ourselves, that we would not waste our time in isolation but would put aside time to build a knowledge of you and your way. But also to build our relationship with you. May it be our treasure, Father.

We pray also for our families that this time will be one of during close and not very destructive time, especially Father we pray for marriages in our church.

Father we thank you that our prayers are heard, we don't need to be sitting next to each other. We thank you that we have Father who is faithful and just. We bring these and many other things before you in Jesus name. Amen.

In less than a week we will be celebrating Easter, the time when Jesus life was for fulfilled and his death was made triumphant. This next song is a reminder of how much He means to the Father and hopefully to us.

It is based on Isiah 53. I'm going to read the opening, the song tells us the rest but I encourage you to read the remainder as well.

Isiah 53.

1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no [stately] form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being [fell] upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

For God has Highly exalted His name.

Highly Exalted <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OySvhZmvkgY>

You were despised
You were rejected Lord
Those who passed by
Even averted their gaze from your sight
Such was the suffering you bore for us

Led like a lamb, lamb to the slaughter
You spoke not a word
Chose to be silent
Though you did no wrong
Nor was deceitfulness found in you

Yet by your wounds our salvation has come
Yet by your suffering our freedom is won

For God has highly exalted your name
He has enthroned you on high
Jesus the name above all names (2x)

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The Kingdom cannot be shaken

Joshua 1-5

The Entry into the Promised Land

Charles Dickens's Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Three reasons that, no matter which side of the pendulum our circumstances are pushing us, we can look to 'the best', 'wisdom', 'belief', 'Light', and 'hope':

1. God plans the end from the beginning
 - "These are certain times, these are uncertain times"
 - God hasn't been caught out as if to say "***I wasn't expecting that***"
 2. God reveals things about Himself in Josh 1-5 that inspire confidence
 - "***I'd like a God like that***"
 3. We are in God's presence now, and His kingdom cannot be shaken.
 - Faith, Hope, and Love, because "***Our God is like that***"
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1. God plans the end from the beginning

This week we acknowledge the anniversary of Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem in the final week before his crucifixion. He came into the city to the accolades of the crowd. They were hailing Jesus as the Messiah in the lineage of David who would bring freedom to the Jewish people. But within a week, soldiers would arrest him; within a week he would be executed.

Did God drop the ball, did he have to go to plan B; "Oh no, they've killed Jesus, what will I do - I know, I'll raise him back to life."? No, not at all; this was always going to be what would happen. God had always planned that, not only would Jesus be the Messianic King on the eternal throne of David, but he would also be the Suffering Servant. A far greater victory than the crowd were anticipating would eventuate because of this suffering ... victory not just over the Roman overlords, but over every enemy which prevents us from enjoying rest in God's presence, from sharing his glory.

God plans the end from the beginning, then he tells us about it. In the OT, we see what God is doing with Israel in the physical foreshadows what God would do in the spiritual. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is foreshadowed by Israel's entry into the Promised Land 1400-1500 years prior, so it is appropriate for today, Palm Sunday, for us to be looking at the entry into the Promised Land in Joshua 1-5.

Old Covenant (foreshadowing the new) Entry into the Promised Land	New Covenant Entry into the Kingdom of God
A people in slavery to Egypt (Ex 1 ⁸ -14 ³¹)	A people in slavery to Sin, Death, Devil (Jn 8 ³⁴ Rom 6 ⁶⁻²³ 1 Jn 3 ⁸ 5 ¹⁹ Heb2 ¹⁴⁻¹⁵)
Israel's Entry crossing the Jordan (Josh 3-4)	Jesus' Entry Into Jerusalem (Mat 21 ¹⁻¹¹ Mk 11 ¹⁻¹¹ Lk 19 ²⁸⁻⁴⁴ Jn 12 ¹²⁻¹⁹)
Sign of the Covenant : Israel Circumcised (Josh 5 ²⁻⁹)	Sealing of the Covenant : by Christ's blood (Heb 9 ¹⁵⁻²⁸)
Israel celebrates Passover (Josh 5 ¹⁰)	Jesus the Passover Lamb (John 1 ²⁹ 1 Cor 5 ⁷)
Israel partake Unleavened Bread (Josh 5 ¹¹) (representing shedding malice and evil , taking on sincerity and truth)	Through Jesus Evil is purged (1 Cor 5:8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival not with the old <i>leaven</i> of malice and evil but with the <i>unleavened</i> bread of sincerity and truth)
Israel enjoy first fruit in the Land (Josh 5 ¹²)	Jesus is raised the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor 15 ²⁰)

God has always been revealing Himself as to what He is doing. We can believe God is not caught off-guard in our current situation when God says through Luke (21¹¹), "There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues)." Don't be surprised about the world being in a pandemic. But turn to God's word for reassurance, for hope, for guidance on our response.

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Background

- **God did not have a people.** He chose **Abraham**, to make him a '*great nation*' (Israel), who would inherit a '*promised land*', and who would be a '*blessing to all nations*' (Gen 12,15,17), but he also foretold this nation would be '*afflicted in a land that wasn't theirs*' for '*400 years*' (Gen 15¹³).
- 430 years later in Egypt, groaning under affliction, God says to Israel through **Moses** "*I will redeem you (plural)*", "*I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God*", "*I will bring you into the land ... and give it to you for a possession.*" (Ex 6⁶⁻⁹).
- God delivered Israel from slavery, crossing the Red Sea
- He established the basis of relationship with Israel, the law at Mt Sinai
- And now ... God was completing the deliverance when Israel entered the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership

Joshua 1 - Preparing to cross the Jordan into the land

11 (Joshua's message to the people) "you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess."

- Israel (2-3 million) would enter the promised land when they crossed the Jordan River
- God is giving the land v2,3,6,10
 - God gives us the place in His kingdom
- Israel have a role to play in order to receive God's gift
 - We have a role to play in this time when we've been given the Kingdom but the Kingdom is not yet consummated

12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, "... **14**... all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, **15** until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them."

- Israel had already won the territory that these 2 ½ tribes would inherit. Now it was their turn to help
 - Don't be too proud to ask for help where there is a need
 - Look out for ways to help where there is a need

Joshua 2 - A Reconnaissance Mission to Spy the Land

The historical account introduces Rahab, a significant figure, through whom God reveals something of His character. She is a resident of Jericho, the nearest city across the Jordan, and she is a prostitute. The two spies end up in her house

9 “and (Rahab) said to the (the Israelite spies), “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. **10**For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. **11**And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. **12** Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a sure sign **13**that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.”

- Rahab’s people are devoted to destruction, yet Rahab herself acknowledges the LORD – her people have heard of what He has done, and she puts her trust in him.
- She takes a risk in rejecting the familiar - her home, her business, her own people, the Amorite army and the fortifications - in seeking herself and family to be saved.
 - Don’t trust in the familiar ... when the familiar has been working for us, it can be an idol for us. Keep seeking God, and if we recognise he is outside ‘the camp’, then go outside the camp to meet him.
- God has mercy on the undesirable – the foreigner, the prostitute.
 - Seek to include those who are different from us – a different age group, racial background, spirituality. Minister the gospel – the Lordship of Christ - to all.

Rahab then saves the spies from the city officials

15Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. **16**And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.” ... **17**The men said to her, “...

18Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household.

- 2 cords / ropes:
- v15, the rope used for the descent through the window: “khebel” means cord, noose, ruin, destruction, pain, sorrow
- Then there was three days (v16)
- v18, the rope used for identifying which house was to be saved: “tik-vaw” means cord, expectancy, hope
- represents Jesus, three days from the cross (sorrow) to the resurrection (hope and expectation)

- represents Rahab's change in circumstances, from ruin to hope. The new life that Jesus gives was given to her 1500yrs prior to his resurrection, because no matter when in history, all who are saved are saved through the work of Christ. It is able to be described before it happened, in a veiled way, because the God who rules from outside time destined that history would culminate in Christ's work.

24 And they (the spies) said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

- Knowledge of God's truth gives Israel confidence and hope. Chapter 3 and 4 have several explicit instances in which God is concerned with what the people know
 - May we be diligent in knowing what God has revealed to us

Joshua 3 - Israel cross the Jordan

10 And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. **11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth^b is passing over **before** you into the Jordan. ... **13** And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

...**16**... the people passed over opposite Jericho. **17** Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

- The *living* God is at work, what he decrees will come to pass.
 - What God has decided for you in your situation will happen, but in his timing. In Israel's case, it was 40 yrs. Even if Israel had been obedient during the exodus, it would have been over one year.
- The ark, representing God, is central in this whole event. It contained (Heb 9⁴) Aaron's staff (God's authority), an urn of manna (God's provision), and the two tablets on which the 10 commandments was engraved (God's rule).
 - God is sovereign – he has the right to speak
 - God is our provider – we have what we have by God's generosity, (to achieve his purposes, we are not entitled just because we want things)
 - God is our ruler – He determines *how* we are to best conduct ourselves. Others will either be attracted or repelled as we follow His ways.
- The ark went before the people. God was not just in the midst of his people, He was leading them into something new, completing the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt into the promised land, out of slavery into being his redeemed people, beginning and ending the exodus with a repetition of crossing of a water obstacle without getting their feet wet because the exodus was one single event.
 - If his plan is something new for you, He will lead.

Joshua 4 - Two Sets of Twelve Stones

1... the LORD said to Joshua, **2**"Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, **3**and command them, saying, "Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan,

from the very place where the priests' feet stood... 7... these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever." ...

... 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. 21And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' 22then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.' 23For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, 24so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

- 12 stones, one for each tribe, representing the entirety of God's covenant people
 - God delivers ALL who belong to him.
- A memorial to God's action, stones that are inaccessible became accessible by God's mighty hand (under God's authority, through his provision, by his command) and are now set up, in the promised land.
 - Remember what God has done

... 9And Joshua set up^b twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

- A second set of 12 stones, hidden from sight, carried there by the one representing 'YHWH is salvation',
- A substitution? ... Put in a place representing God's judgement? ... Mirroring the Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea? ... Representing the entirety of peoples to be expelled from the promised land?

Joshua 5 - Circumcision, Passover, Fruit

On entering the land filled with a hostile enemy, Israel ~~sharpened their swords and readied for battle~~

... 2At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." ... 4 And this is the reason ... 5... all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ... 9And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." ...

- God had said to Abraham " any uncircumcised male ... shall be cut off from his people, he has broken my covenant." (Gen 17¹⁴). Israel have broken the covenant, they should be cut off.
- In effect, God had given the land to 'a people' who were 'NOT a people'.
 - God is consistent in portraying how he delivers people when they are in a state of alienation from him, we don't come to Him for Him to save us: "God shows his love for us in that *while we were still sinners*, Christ died for us." (Rom 5⁸)
- The reproach or 'disgrace' of Egypt - This 'disgrace' refers to being uncircumcised, like the Egyptians, and also being in slavery to Egyptians was a disgrace. Today was the day their deliverance from this disgrace was complete.

- “rolled away”, referring to the action of circumcision, also looks forward to the rolling away of the stone from Christ’s tomb (Mt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24) – Christ is risen, deliverance is complete from slavery to death to the start of life in covenant union with Christ.

10 While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. **11** And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. **12** And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

- “There was no longer manna...”
 - God will not always provide in the same way that he has in the past. Nevertheless, where your provision is threatened, seek God about where his provision will come from and what’s your part in realising His provision. Not easy, but seek Him.

In Summary:

Israel is given inheritance in the Land Now BUT ... Not Yet Israel had an active role until Land has rest “Joshua took the whole land ... the land had rest from war” (Josh 11 ²³)	God’s people are given inheritance in His Kingdom (Mat 25 ³⁴) Now BUT ... Not Yet We have an active role until Kingdom is consummated “... let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken” (Heb 12 ²⁸)
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3. **We are in God’s presence now, in a world which is shakeable but His kingdom cannot be shaken.**

Current circumstances –

- ~~panic, be anxious, grow weary or fainthearted, drift away~~

Rather, “... let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” (Heb 12²⁸)

And what can we actually do to offer acceptable worship:

3 things listed in Heb 10¹⁹⁻²⁵

1. draw near (to God) with a true heart in full assurance of faith (v22)
2. hold fast the confession of our hope (v23)
3. consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (v24)

Ascribe Greatness to Our God the Rock

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhbAbaBcGPI>

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Thank you Rob. Father we thank for your greatness and we thank you for the stories that we have in scripture that show your greatness and your faithfulness and we need to hang on to them now as we face another week where our world is so different. Father we just pray for your blessing for us in Jesus' name, Amen.

We are we going to finish today with the benediction. It's a benediction written by Stuart Townend it's called 'May the peace of God' and I hope that you find that peace this week. Thank you again for the time spent with each of us and I pray that God will bless you this week and I invite you again to join us at 11 o'clock for morning tea by Zoom.