

*Shotts: Calderhead Erskine Parish Church*

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*Fathers' Day, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020*

*Prayers, Hymns & Reflections for worship at home*



**“Through Jesus, whatever our background, we can come with confidence into the presence of God the Father by the Holy Spirit.” – Ephesians 2:18**

**Introduction to Father's Day worship**

MP 400 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Our Father.....** Lord's Prayer

MP 3 Abba, Father

**John 14: 15-27** (Jesus promises the Spirit to help us and give us peace)

**Romans 8: 14-17, 26-28** (the Spirit that helps us know God has adopted us as His children  
- and helps us to pray)

**Reflection: What it means to know God as our Father**

**& a Meditation for 2 voices by Nick Fawcett**

MP 583 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

Silence then Prayers for ourselves and others.

CH 694 Brother, sister, let me serve You

- a challenge then for each of us to play our part in God's family & care for each other.

Blessing then Shared Blessing (MP 460 May God's blessing surround you this day)

**May God's blessing surround you this day,**  
as you trust Him & walk in His way.

May His presence within  
guard & keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

1. **Lead us, heavenly lead us**  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us –  
for we have no help but Thee,  
yet possessing every blessing  
if God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness Thou dost know:  
Thou didst tread feel its keenest woe;  
lone & dreary, faint & weary,  
through the desert Thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

**Abba, Father, let me be**

yours and Yours alone.

May my will for ever be  
evermore Your own.

Never let my heart grow cold,  
never let me go.

Abba Father, let me be,  
Yours and Your's alone.

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1. **Safe in the shadow of the Lord**  
beneath His hand & power,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
my fortress & my tower.
2. My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan bears his snare;  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
to keep me in His care.
3. From fears & phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
to keep me in His care.
4. His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
& unafraid go on.

5. Strong in the everlasting name,  
& in my Father's care,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
who hears & answers prayer.

6. Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
& meet His love with mine.

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**1. Brother, Sister, let me serve you**

let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other,  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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**How deep the Father's love for us,**

how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss-  
the Father turns His face away,  
at wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring many sons to glory

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**Prayers:**

Thank You, Lord, for your unfailing love & presence with us through this time. Thank You for all who have been given me help, care, support, kindness & encouragement- and for reminders of Your love. Thank you for progress made and pray for patience, protection and wisdom as we move forward with You.

We pray today for all who are living with sickness and those who care for them, for those facing operations & medical procedures; for those living with loss at this time, for comfort, peace and healing.

Father of all, we pray for all entrusted with the responsibilities of fatherhood; & for all who have the duty & privilege of raising children. Give them love, insight and devotion.

For fathers whose marriage or relationship with their partner has become strained or has broken down, and for step-fathers; for fathers with no sense of responsibility, failing to make time for their children, careless in giving guidance and causal in providing discipline, grant them forgiveness, repentance & a way to make amends.

For children of broken homes, grant them healing, peace & courage to face the future.

For those who have lost a parent at whatever age; for those who are anxious for their family; for those who have no children or are cut off from their family:

Lord, enfold each one of us in Your fatherly love, today and every day.