

*Shotts: Calderhead Erskine Parish Church*

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*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

Reflections and Prayers for Shotts at 11.00 & Allanton at 12.30  
and for you at home



***A bruised reed He will not break & a smouldering wick He will not put out.*** Isaiah 42:3  
***The risen Christ says, "My grace is sufficient for you; for My power is made perfect in weakness."*** 2 Corinthians 12:9

Notices and Welcome

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for Him; in His word is my hope.

Psalm 130 (see below) and Lord's Prayer

**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord.**

**Isaiah 42: 1-9**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night-watch for the morning, more than the night-watch for the morning.  
**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord.**

Stand for Prayer and all say refrain together:  
*Come down, come in, come among us*

**Luke 13: 1-9**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord, there is mercy;  
**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord.**  
With Him, there is plenteous redemption, & He shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Reflection When trouble comes...**  
***Why? & Where is God?***

**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord**

*MP 200 Great is Thy faithfulness*

Prayers of Intercession

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**Anyway!**

Into our world of darkness,  
into our places of strife,  
into our troubles and weakness,  
come, Lord.

*CH Courage brother / do not stumble*

**Come down, come in, come among us.**

Shared blessing (MP 460):

**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord**  
Out of the depths have I called to You, O Lord; Lord hear my voice; let Your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

Into our joys & celebrations,  
into our homes & to our loved ones,  
into our work & our achievements,  
Come, Lord.

**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord**

**Come down, come in, come among us.**

If You, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?  
**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord**

To those who are in need,  
to those who are in sickness,  
to those who are in despair,  
come, Lord.

For there is forgiveness with You; therefore You shall be feared.

**Come down, come in, come among us.**

**My soul is waiting for You, O Lord.**

**Eternal God, teach us that though we may let go of You, You will always hold fast to us; that though we feel You are distant, You are always near. In that assurance, may we live each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN**

**1 .Great is Thy faithfulness,**

.. O God my Father,  
...there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
. Thou changes not,  
. Thy compassions they fail not,  
.. as Thou hast been, Thou for ever will be.  
..*Great is Thy faithfulness,*  
...*Great is thy faithfulness;*  
. *morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
..*all I have needed Thy hand hath provided-*  
. *great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer & winter,  
& springtime & harvest,  
sun, moon & stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy & love. .  
.... *Great is Thy faithfulness...*

3. Pardon for sin, & a peace that endureth,  
. Thine own dear presence  
.. to cheer & to guide,  
. strength for today  
. & bright hope for tomorrow,  
. blessings all mine, with 10,000 beside. .  
... *Great is Thy faithfulness...*

**Prayer of Intercession:**

Almighty Father, as we pray for this troubled world, help us to discern Your presence in it.

Lord, this a time of huge change and it is not easy. Many of us face anxiety, fear & doubt about the future. Thank You Lord that Your compassion never fails

We pray for those who have become unemployed  
others whose jobs are uncertain.  
For those living with illness  
and those who care for them  
May they know Your faithfulness today.

We pray for children going back to school – & their parents & teachers; & for those wondering about career choices,  
may they know Your faithfulness today.

We pray for the vulnerable & the marginalised, unsure of the support that may be available,  
may they know Your faithfulness today.

For politicians & national leaders as they seek to find a way forward,  
may they know Your faithfulness today.

For church leaders as they seek to discern Your will & offer hope & vision,  
may they know Your faithfulness today.

Thank you Lord that while everything changes, Your love remains constant.  
We trust in your faithful compassion,  
in Jesus' name. AMEN

**1. Courage brother/sister! Do not stumble**

Though thy path be dark as night;  
there's a star to guide the humble;  
"Trust in God, and do the right."  
Let the road be rough & dreary,  
& its end far out of sight,  
foot it bravely; strong or weary,  
Trust in God (3 x) and do the right.

2. Perish policy and cunning,  
Perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning  
Trust in God and do the right.  
Some will hate thee, some will love thee,  
some will flatter, some will slight;  
cease from man, & look above thee:  
Trust in God (3x) and do the right.

3. Simple rule and safest guiding,  
inward peace and inward might,  
star upon our path abiding, -  
Trust in God, and do the right.  
Courage brother/sister, do not stumble  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
there's a star to guide the humble;  
"Trust in God (x3), and do the right."