**Wednesday service 5th May**

Worship is our response to an awareness of God. We can worship alone, but when we join with others in expectant waiting we may discover a deeper sense of God’s presence.

We seek a gathered stillness in our worship so that all may feel the power of God’s love drawing us together and leading us.

In worship we enter with reverence into communion with God and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Come to worship with heart and mind prepared.

*from* Quaker Faith & Practice

**Eternal God,**

**You have been our refuge in all generations.**

**We turn from everything else to you,**

**for we hunger and are not filled,**

**we have struggled and not succeeded,**

**and apart from you we have no hope.**

**We bless you that you are near to those of a broken heart**

**and save those of a contrite spirit.**

**Still our unquiet hearts**

**that we may be aware of you,**

**and speak to each one of us the word of life.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our saviour.**

**Amen.**

God be gracious to us and bless us,

and make your face shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,

your saving power among the nations.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You have made known your salvation,

and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God enrich us with his grace,

nourish us with his blessings,

and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*from* **Psalm 95**

Come, let us sing to the Eternal One,

**let our song ring out to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,

**let us acclaim our God with songs of praise.**

For You, Eternal One, are a great God,

**a sovereign great above all other gods.**

The depths of the earth are in Your hand,

**and the mountain peaks are Yours.**

The sea is Yours, for You made it;

**the dry land is the work of Your hands.**

Come, let us bow down in worship,

**let us bend the knee before our Maker.**

You are our God and our Shepherd,

**we are Your people and Your flock.**

Today the world would be redeemed,

**if only we would listen to Your voice.**

**Reading:****John 15.1-8**

**Prayers of intercession**

**Passage for study together**

**Prayer**

As we rejoice in the gift of this day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

May God bless us, and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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