

THE PRIORY CHURCH, BOLTON ABBEY

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
LIQUID FAMILY SERVICE

On the Road to Damascus



Alleluia!

The Spirit of God fills the whole earth:  
**O come, let us worship. Alleluia**

**Birthday Hymn**

Comes a birthday once again,  
Happy day, oh happy day!  
Through the sunshine,  
through the rain,  
God will lead us on our way.

Father let the New Year be  
Bright and holy, sweet and true,  
Keep oh keep us close to Thee,  
Day by day the whole year through.

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

**WE SAY TOGETHER**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy**

*Lord have mercy.*

*You can make a collection at home by  
going online [www.boltonpriory.church](http://www.boltonpriory.church)*

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn,  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old...*

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know:  
*And it's from the old...*

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
*And it's from the old...*

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me traveling along with You.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you.*

## PRAYING TOGETHER

God our Father  
we thank you for the stories Jesus told  
that teach us about you. We thank you  
for our families and for all the people  
that help keep us safe and solid every  
day. Help us to remember that we are all  
part of your family, and that Jesus is  
our friend. Amen

### Reading

The Road to Damascus  
Lion Storyteller Bible  
Pages 150-151

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory, Amen



## We Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace  
And the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
**Shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

And the trees of the field shall  
**clap their hands**  
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**clap their hands**

**And we'll go out with joy.**

## BLESSING

The Spirit of truth leads us into all  
truth, give us grace to confess that  
Jesus is Lord and strengthen us to  
proclaim the word and works of God. And  
the blessing of God Almighty, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit be with us always.  
Amen

## LUIQUID WORSHIP TIME AT HOME

**Things you might like to do after  
the service**

Blind man's bluff, using a scarf over your  
eyes pretend to be blind and search for  
something in the room.

List the places you have been to in the  
UK or abroad. What language did they  
speak? What were the churches like?  
How did they compare with the Priory?  
big/small, windows, alter etc.

Saul changed his mind. Discuss the sort  
of things you have changed your mind  
about. Have you been happier? Did you  
feel guilty? Do you think it is good to be  
able to change your mind?

## On the Road to Damascus

Almighty God,  
who called your disciples to tell others  
that you were within Christ as he sought  
to heal wrongs in the world so that they  
too could find peace and joy in your  
company:  
help us also to share with those we meet  
the good news of your love so that all  
who hear it today may be drawn to you in  
the name of Jesus, who died on the  
cross yet reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen

Lord, today we think about how Saul, as  
a young man, looked after the coats of  
those who stoned to death your servant  
Stephen; how he who chose to harm  
others who followed you but was himself  
confronted by your spirit as he travelled  
to Damascus; and how he became an  
eager follower and missionary, teaching  
gentiles from many countries how to  
follow in your way. We marvel at how you  
are able to transform even the lives of  
those who deny you so that their  
strengths and talents may be used to  
support your plan. Help us to recognise  
how the knowledge and skills of the most  
unlikely people may be used by you to  
further your purposes and to be open,  
welcoming and supportive of their  
presence in what we may see as their  
challenge in our domain. Amen

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your love within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen