

South-West Awake

Praise

Psalm: 145: 3-12, 21

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
They tell of the power of your awesome works - and I will proclaim your great deeds.
They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.
The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 89: 5-8

The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?
In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.
Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?
You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.
You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

We turn towards the sea.

O Lord King of kings, creator of all things, giver and sustainer of life
We give thanks for your awesome presence in creation; and we see the works of your hands all around us.
We thank you for breathing your life into us and opening our eyes to see you.
We thank you for the gift of Jesus to this world and for his death and resurrection.
We thank you for bringing the gospel to these shores and all who laboured in the power of the Holy Spirit
to bring this hope to the South-West.
As the waves make their way to the shore,
we pray for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit, on the South-West
Here is love, vast as the ocean!

We turn and face inland.

As we face inland, picture the whole of the South-West before you. And we pray:
We give you thanks, Lord
For all that nature reveals
For the beauty of the land,
For the beauty of the people, made in your image.

A reading based on Ezekiel Chapter 37:

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

So, I prophesied as I was commanded, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath." So, I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

Lord,
please breath your Holy Spirit into every community of the South-West,
over everyone from the youngest to the oldest.
We pray, Let Your Kingdom Come.
We speak life over the whole of the South-West –
over every community, village, town and city;
every home, every street, every school, and every workplace.
We pray, Let Your Kingdom Come.

We pray for the Church

Lord, let Your Kingdom come.
We pray for every church.
Lord we thank you for the very many varied expressions of Church in the South-West.
We give thanks for the diversity we see in one another.
We pray for the Churches Together in Dawlish and District

John 17 21-23

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[1] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Forgive us Father,
for when your church has been competitive,
spoken dishonourably of one another,
As we join together with Christians of every church and community,
we ask that you would unite our hearts
That your kingdom would come among us,
and your glory revealed through our love for one another

Listening to creation; listening to God

Spend time in silence; listening to creation all around; and listening for the voice of God.

The King is Here

We give thanks for King Jesus throughout the South-West through the Holy Spirit.

Every Kingdom has a king, and we give thanks, King Jesus
He is present throughout the South-West, through the Holy Spirit
He is here.

We lift our sound of praise and shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol him all you people;
for great is his love towards us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever
Praise the Lord!

There are many sounds around us:
Sounds of cynicism.
Sounds of hopelessness.
Sounds of pain.
Sounds of despair.
But we, your people, look to the king of kings, and we lift up a sound of praise.
We rejoice in our God, and we declare there is no-one like you.
Praise the Lord!

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

Finally, lift a sound of praise and worship for Jesus!

We offer a sound of hope – huge cheering and clapping
King Jesus is Here!