

Not a Proper Pilgrim?

Welcome to worship today. In this act of worship Rev Barbara will be reflecting on her own pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. As August is traditionally the holiday season it is a good time for us all to reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim people.

1. Prayer

Lord,
We have travelled far to be here,
Give us refreshment,

Lord,
Our feet are tired
Give us rest,

Lord,
Our souls are weary,
Give us peace.

Amen

2. To Thine be the Glory

<https://youtu.be/DRWhIKcJw9U>

Singing the Faith #313
Chosen by Fred.

*"It has been a favourite hymn since my
childhood"*

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay:
*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting:
*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won*

3. Prayer before Pilgrimage

In some ways we begin each week as a new pilgrimage. We start out with new challenges, joys and adventures. Our prayers today follow that theme. As we continue our life's pilgrimage we ask God for strength for the journey. The prayer below is written for pilgrims on the Camino, but is apt for us all at this time of change.

God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes

Show us your way

God of the stormy seas, the bread that nourishes

Teach us your truth

God of the still, small voice, the wind that blows where it chooses

Fill us with life

God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys

Set our feet on your road today

May God bless us with a safe journey,

May the angels and saints travel with us,

may we live this day in justice and joy. Amen

From http://caminoaccueilartez.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Prayers_for_pilgrims_English.pdf

4. I need thee every hour

<https://youtu.be/TTdyD4Q3uHc>

Singing the Faith #467

Chosen by Viola.

"It reminds me of my Grandmother and the message she gave me when I moved here from Ghana. I still go to it when I am feeling down."

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford:
*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh:

*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain:
*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfil:
*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

Annie Sherwood Hawks (1835–1918)

S. Mark 10:35-45

Jaecklin and Kyeiwah read "the request of James and John" video is available here:

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/not-a-proper-pilgrim>

A text version is also available in the additional sheet.

6. One more step along the world I Go

<https://youtu.be/ypwLfTlfeNs>
Singing the Faith #476

7. Address

Rev. Barbara reflects on pilgrimage, a video version is available:

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/not-a-proper-pilgrim>

Photos from Rev. Barbara's trip can be seen on the next page. A text version is also available in the additional sheet.

8. Listen

The Camino Song by Suzi Macgregor

<https://youtu.be/kTT41T8rvfY>

9. Prayers for others

Lord God, we come before you to pray for all those people for whom taking risks is a way of life.

Lord, reveal yourself to them and keep them safe.

We pray for our emergency services – paramedics, the police, the fire service – all who daily face difficult situations as they seek to help to protect us and make our world a safer and more peaceful place.

Lord, reveal yourself to them and keep them safe.

We pray for people who work in troubled areas – the armed forces in war zones, those who bring humanitarian aid into areas of natural disaster, and many more.

Lord, reveal yourself to them and keep them safe.

We pray for people who take risks in your name, Lord Jesus – those who take your word where it is most needed – and for people who grapple with faith and doubt.

**Lord, reveal yourself to them and keep them safe.
Amen.**

From RootsOnTheWeb



10. Who would true valour see

https://youtu.be/BVIM4_gan4E

Who would true valour see
let them come hither:
here's one will constant be
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make me once relent
my first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset me round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound:
my strength the more is.
No foes shall stay my might;
though I with giants fight,
but I will have the right
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt my spirit:
I know I at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away!
Fear not what others say;
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-88)

11. Blessing

Guardian of my soul
Guide me on my way today. Keep me safe
from harm,
Deepen my relationship with you, your
earth, and all your family. Strengthen your
love within me that I may be a presence of
your peace in our World. Amen

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12. The Irish Blessing

Guardian of my soul
Guide me on my way today. Keep me
safe from harm,
Deepen my relationship with you, your
earth, and all your family. Strengthen
your love within me that I may be a
presence of
your peace in our World. Amen

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