

# Talking of God Together



Welcome to our service. This week the service was prepared by the Thursday Bible Fellowship. Our theme for the service is "Talking of God Together". We hope you will feel uplifted by the reflections, readings and hymns we have chosen.

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## 1. Opening Prayer

Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
A heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
Conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance  
in waiting for you  
and a hope of finally  
embracing you.  
Amen

## 2. Abba Father

By Joanna Williams Joseph  
and DJ Paul

[https://youtu.be/ym\\_yYvOPejk](https://youtu.be/ym_yYvOPejk)

This is not your usual version, it  
should get your feet moving!



# Prayers of Praise and Confession

Rajie leads us in our prayers of praise and confession this week. You can listen to her here:

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## 4. Psalm 63: 1-5

Debora reads our first reading this week. You can listen here:

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## 5. Reflection: A Listening, Caring God

Our first of three reflections comes from Lyneth when she talks about our Listening and Caring God.

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## 6. What a friend we have in Jesus

Singing the Faith #531

[https://youtu.be/cwi\\_qkVl8lQ](https://youtu.be/cwi_qkVl8lQ)  
Joseph Medicott Scriven (1819–1886)

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge —  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

## 7 Psalm -50: 1-3a

Hannah reads our second reading this week. You can listen here:

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## Reflection: A Speaking God

For our second reflection Katrina thinks about our "Speaking God"

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## 9. Master Speak! Thy Servant Heareth

Singing the Faith #666  
<https://youtu.be/t3pZN93FdHM>  
Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879)

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,  
waiting for thy gracious word,  
longing for thy voice that cheereth;  
Master, let it now be heard.  
I am listening, Lord, for thee;  
what hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master,  
let me know it is to me;  
speak, that I may follow faster,  
with a step more firm and free,  
where the Shepherd leads the flock  
in the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! Though least and lowest,  
let me not unheard depart;  
Master, speak! For O thou knowest  
all the yearning of my heart,  
knowest all its truest need;  
speak, and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak: and make me ready,  
when thy voice is truly heard,  
with obedience glad and steady  
still to follow every word.  
I am listening, Lord, for thee;  
Master, speak! O speak to me!

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## 10. Prayers of Intercession

Anna leads us in our Prayers of Intercession.

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## 11. Matthew 5: 13-16

Lauren reads our final reading this week, you can listen here:

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## 12. Reflection: Jesus as our Teacher and Model

Janet considers Jesus as your teacher and model in our final reflection

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## 13. Closing Prayer

Sending God,  
help us to break down barriers that divide,  
help us to bear  
Your peace in a troubled world.  
Help us to walk in your ways.  
Send us in  
Love, go with us.  
Amen.

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## 14. Lord, the light of your love is shining

Singing the Faith #59  
<https://youtu.be/gr5Y63bDNNg>