

Bible reading Matthew 28:16-20

Hymn 404- Singing-The Faith- *God's Spirit is in my heart*

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

²² Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them.

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Reflection

"God's spirit is in my heart, he has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, What I have to do.

He sent me to give good news to the poor, tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more, tell blind people that they can see, and set the down trodden free, and go and tell everyone, the news that the Kingdom of God has come and go and tell everyone the news that the Kingdom has come" 

"The kingdom of God is in your midst" that was Jesus' response to the Pharisees when they asked when the Kingdom of God was coming. Jesus was reminding the Pharisees that what we do and what we say should demonstrate the goodness of God. God sent us to give the good news to the poor, tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more, tell the blind that they can see and set the down trodden free. How do we set the down trodden free when they say "I can't breathe"? It is about going on our knees to God and not our knees on them. We can only change the world if we allow the spirit of God to dwell in our hearts and use us. The Kingdom of God is not geographical has no boundaries. It does not know any difference everyone is the same before God. When

someone says “I can’t breathe” how do we respond. How many times have we heard that voice before and are still hearing it? We are the children of God who are supposed to show the Kingdom of God to a broken world, that’s full of injustices, hate, pain and suffering. A world that’s full of division, a world that’s full of people bound in chains by tribulations of this world. In Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus commanded his disciples “go yea and make disciples of all nations, teach them and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit” We have been commanded to go and make a difference and listen to that voice calling out for help “I can’t breathe” and unlock the suffocation of hunger, hate, oppression, pain, suffering and sign post them to Jesus, the redeemer. Our mission is to reveal the kingdom of heaven here on earth as it is in heaven, a Kingdom that knows no boundaries. Let us love one another for by so doing we will show that we are Jesus’ disciples. Hallelujah! 🙏🙏

Prayer

Heavenly father we pray for the suffocating world which is calling out for air. Air that can only come from you. Refresh us heavenly God so that we may be hearers and

doers of your word. Help us to be the knees of prayer and adoration and not the knees of oppression. You have revealed to us heavenly father that your Kingdom has no boundaries meaning we are the same before you. Cleanse us from our inequities so that your spirit may dwell in us and show us the way to go. Forgive us Lord if we have ignored the voice of the desperate because we were busy or we didn’t know them. Renew us with your power and fill us with love for one another. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen 🙏🙏

*Prepared by **Rev Mary Sachikonye Methodist Minister for (Mile Cross, Costessey, Trinity Thorpe Marriott, Hosford and Drayton) for a time as this. We are a church without walls. We should therefore, continue to proclaim the good news. I will be sending **Words of Hope** every week so that we may continue to nourish our spirits and continue to live in HOPE!***