

The next Jazz Vespers at Methodist Central Hall will be on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at 6pm



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Evening Worship  
Jazz Vespers

6.30pm

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Carshalton Methodist

## INVOCATION

'Come Sunday'

## WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Forshaw

## SOLOIST

'Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen'

## HYMN – Abide With Me

*Band Only*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

*All*

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

*Instrumental Solo*

*Soloist*

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

*All*

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## OPENING PRAYERS OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

### READING – 'JAZZ'

BY REVD DR MARTIN LUTHER KING

## HYMN – Just a closer walk with Thee

*Soloist*

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*All*

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

### Instrumental Solo

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Martin J. Nystrom*

### Whilst the band plays 'Psalm' by John Coltrane you are invited to meditate on Coltrane's prayer...

'I will do all I can to be worthy of Thee O Lord. It all has to do with it. Thank you God. Peace. There is none other. God is, it is so beautiful. Thank you, God. God is all. Help us to resolve our fears and weaknesses. Thank you, God. In You all things are possible. We know. God made us so. Keep your eye on God. God is. He always was. He always will be. No matter what...it is God. He is gracious and merciful. It is most important that I know Thee. Words, sounds, speech, men, memory, thoughts, fears and emotions – time – all related...all made from one...all made in one. Blessed be His name. Thought waves – heat waves – all vibrations – all paths lead to God. Thank you God. His way...it is so lovely...it is gracious. It is merciful – thank you God. His way...it is so lovely...it is gracious. It is merciful – thank you God. One thought can produce millions of vibrations and they all go back to God...everything does. Thank you God. Have no fear...believe...thank you God.

The universe has many wonders. God is all. His way...it is so wonderful. Thoughts – deeds – vibrations, etc. They all go back to God and He cleanses all. He is gracious and merciful...thank you God. Glory to God...God is so alive. God is. God loves. May I be acceptable in Thy sight. We are all one in His grace. The fact that we do exist is acknowledgement of Thee of Lord. Thank you God. God will wash away all our tears...He always has...He always will. Seek Him everyday. In all ways seek God everyday. Let us sing all songs to God To whom all praise is due...praise God. No road is an easy one, but they all go back to God. With all we share God. It is all with God. It is all with Thee. Obey the

Lord. Blessed is He. We are from one thing...the will of God...thank you God.

I have seen God – I have seen ungodly – none can be greater – none can compare to God. Thank you God. He will remake us...He always has and He always will. It is true – blessed be His name – thank you God. God breathes through us so completely...so gently we hardly feel it...yet, it is our everything. Thank you God. ELATION – ELEGANCE – EXALTATION – All from God.'

Thank you God. Amen. [John Coltrane – December, 1964]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

*During which the band plays '12<sup>th</sup> Century Carol'*

*Arr. Wayne Shorter*

## DEDICATION OF OFFERING

LESSON Exodus 14:10-31

### Soloist, 'Dark Was The Night'

Readings taken from Isaiah 5:7, Lamentations 5:14, Ecclesiastes 12:3-4 & Matthew 27

## REFLECTION - 'The Blues' Dan Forshaw

## PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### Soloist

Amazing grace — how sweet the sound —  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

### All

God's grace has taught my heart to fear,  
his grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

### Instrumental Solo

#### Soloist

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

### All

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

## FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

### BAND OFFERING

**'Better Get Hit In Your Soul'**

Jazz Vespers is simply an Evening service using the genre of jazz music to create a space where as a congregation we may worship God. Jazz is one of the ultimate creative art forms around. Each musician responds to the music with spontaneous creativity, built up from many, many years of practice and study.

Jazz Vespers started in 1964 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York. The enterprising Pastor, Revd John Garcia Gensel realised that most musicians couldn't make a Sunday morning service given that they had only got home around 4/5am. To this day, (and yes at 5pm NY time today) a Jazz Vespers service has taken place at St Peter's each Sunday. Members of the jazz community in New York worship together.

Dan Forshaw started a Jazz Vespers ministry whilst he was the Worship Minister at St James' Church in Hemingford Grey, Cambridge and since October 2015 has led regular, bi-monthly Jazz Vespers services at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. Dan is part of the international 'Blue Church' network, (that includes St Peter's Lutheran Church in NYC) that seeks to resource jazz musicians all over the world so that '*Churches can be spaces to encounter improvised music, words and silence. The musical language of Jazz and the world of biblical thought as joint inspiration.*'