



A Moment of Collective Worship.

Theme:	<p>“Tomorrow Will Be A Good Day.” <i>(Please see overleaf for an accompanying picture that can be displayed during this Collective Worship.)</i></p>
Gathering:	<p>“Christ the light of the world is here.” “Lord Jesus shine on us.”</p>
Hymn / Song / Music:	<p>You’ll Never Walk Alone’ – Captain Tom Moore, Michael Ball & the NHS Voices of Care Choir. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcouA_oWsnU</p>
Reading:	<p>Jesus Is Presented in the Temple: - Luke 2:25-32</p>
Something To Reflect On:	<p>Yesterday, (2nd. February 2021.) Sir Captain Tom Moore sadly died from Coronavirus. Sir Captain Tom was 100 years old and a retired military person. He became well known last year when he wanted to help NHS Charities Together which support the NHS staff and volunteers caring for COVID-19 patients. He decided to do a sponsored walk, planning to walk 100 lengths of his garden before his 100th. birthday and hoped that he would be able to raise £1,000. This would be a challenge for him as he needs to walk with a mobility aid, but he was determined to give it a go. News of his sponsored walk went viral, spreading around the world and over 1 and a half million people sponsored him, encouraging him to keep on walking and enabling him to raise more than a staggering £32 million, which will actually total £39 million with Gift Aid added in.</p> <p>Michael Ball, a famous singer, heard about Captain Tom’s walk and they recorded a song together called ‘You’ll Never Walk Alone’ which is also raising money for the NHS, <i>(included here as part of this Collective Worship.)</i> Sir Captain Tom was the first 100 year old ever to have a song at Number 1 in the Music Charts, it was Number 1 on his 100th. birthday!</p> <p>Giving of himself diligently to help others was a very extraordinary thing that Sir Captain Tom did, but what also made Sir Captain Tom so special was what he represented. He was one example of so many special and selfless people, during this time of Coronavirus, who have been undertaking good deeds and showing acts of kindness to help others affected by the pandemic. He inspired others to fundraise as well.</p> <p>In this time of the Coronavirus pandemic when life seems so difficult, shocking and full of bad news, Sir Captain Tom’s efforts brought optimism to people, helping lift their spirits, showing that in the worst of times, humanity can be the best. He was unassuming and humble and always had wise words of wisdom and hope which he shared with others. Recognising his special contribution to symbolising this historic and unprecedented period of time that our country has been going through since 2020, the Queen knighted Sir Captain Tom Moore. When he died, a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said the Queen was <i>“recognising the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world.”</i></p> <p>Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister, said, <i>“Captain Sir Tom Moore was a hero in the truest sense of the word. In . . . the face of this country’s deepest post-war crisis he united us all, he cheered us all up, and he embodied the triumph of the human spirit. He became not just a national inspiration but a beacon of hope for the world.”</i></p> <p>Archbishop Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said, <i>“His courage, compassion, resilience, hope and generosity have been an inspiration to millions – and an example to us all. Where he walked, a nation followed. . . May Captain Tom rest in peace.”</i></p> <p>The day that Sir Captain Tom died was the Feast of the Presentation, often known as Candlemas. This is when we remember how Jesus is brought to the Temple by his parents according to the law of Israel. There, he is recognized by Simeon, who declares him to be ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God’s people Israel.’</p> <p>Through this Coronavirus time and beyond and following Sir Captain Tom’s example, may we each be recognised as a light to lighten the glory of God’s people.</p>
Questions To Think About:	<p>Who has been a light to you in these times? What can <i>you</i> do to be a light to God’s people? What do <i>you</i> hope will make tomorrow “a good day?”</p>
Prayers:	<p>The Lord’s Prayer. Dear God, Thank you for the light that Jesus brings to us and the light we can pass on to others. Thank you that whatever our circumstances, we can still be used by you to be a light for you to each other. Help us to be sensitive and kind to others. Help us to see the light of your love burning in everyone we meet. Thank you that even when we cannot see you, you are still with us. May your light shine brightly in and through us wherever we go and whatever befalls us in the year ahead. We thank you and ask this through your Son’s name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
Sending Out:	<p>Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day’s journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>



Captain Sir Tom Moore

1920 - 2021



“We will get through it in the end but it might take time, but at the end of the day we shall all be OK again... the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.”

“The hardest part is the first step; once you’ve done that, if you do another one, it becomes a natural thing.”

“The sun will shine again, the birds will sing and we’ll all have a lovely day tomorrow.”

“Let’s try not to get downhearted, we will get through this, whatever is thrown at us and together we can ensure that tomorrow will be a good day.”

“Negative thoughts don’t seem to be part of me. I always think of the beneficial things.”

“My message to the nation right now is, tomorrow will be a good day. We will get through this and come out of it stronger, more united and ready to face any challenges together.”