



On ramps to the Way !



7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

10 But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

Alleluia! alleluia!
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Amen, amen, amen.

The Old Testament symbolism of opening the gates of Jerusalem illustrated opening our hearts/minds to God

Lord as we come to communion to receive all that the symbols represent,
help us to see the wonder of what it is all about
with this reminder of the greatness of the God with Whom we are dealing.



As we slowly realise the extent and intricacy of the universe in which we live.

help us to realise the wonder that the God behind it all ...

...is made known in Jesus Who entered the world then

...cares for us

...in Jesus died on the cross, the way, the truth and the life -

-the just for the unjust that He the true and living Way might bring us to God

...through the Holy Spirit wants to enter our lives with transforming power

What a God, what a privilege !

In Jesus' name AMEN

Lot of interest in the development of the A9 with the on ramps and the slip roads off.

The early church was know as The Way.

It might be an idea to think of on ramps and slip roads off

Over the last couple of months we have been looking at Peter, and his letters. Well known for his
great discovery of Who Jesus was

great promise and denial was heading to a slip road off, when he was recalled with a look to a
great renewing and recommissioning.

Wonder why people seem to have taken the slip road off.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
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Without the Way there is no going,
without the Truth there is no knowing,
without the Life there is no living.

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But what led Peter to go up the on ramp ?

Let's consider 3 people whom Andrew brought to Jesus

1. his brother John 1.35-42

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said,
"Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter)

What about our family circle?

2. a young boy

John 6. 5-11

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

What about the next generation in our parish?

3. someone from abroad

John 12. 20-26

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

What about new folk to area?

How ?

Selflessly took back seat to front guy brother

Optimistically saw possibilities when others dismissive of young folk

Universally perhaps first Jew to see potential in a Gentile

If we are on the way, let us consider how like Andrew we can point to the on ramp.

On to The Way - that is symbolised by communion

but integral part is "whenever we do this we proclaim the Lord's death til He comes"

One more step along the world I go

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From the old things to the new

Keep me traveling along with you

And it's from the old I travel to the new

Keep me traveling along with you

Give me courage when the world is rough

Keep me loving though the world is tough

Leap and sing in all I do

Keep me traveling along with you. And it's ..

You are older than the world can be

You are younger than the life in me

Ever old and ever new

Keep me traveling along with you. And it's...



If anyone would like to have communion at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sandy

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2, In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4, No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand