

St Peter's Wynnum – Wardens' Warbling

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This weeks warbling was clarified through another daily Bible reading. Who says the written Word doesn't speak! 😊

Matthew 5:14-16 Light under a bushel (NRSV)

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Now each of us is shining our lights from our homes. Let us shine together. Imagine how bright the light will be when we can physically gather together again. For each of us to continue to shine we need to refill our oil. How do we refill? We are blessed having many ways to achieve this. Donna's Reflections. Morning and Evening Prayer. Daily Readings. Talking to each other. Sharing a 'healthy distance' exercise walk or bike ride. Maybe learning a new skill like Lectio Divina. Making a daily gratitude journal. Listening to music.

Give me oil in my lamp



1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

2 Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Keep me sharing till the break of day. (Refrain)

3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day. (Refrain)

4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Keep me praying till the break of day. (Refrain)

Source: [Sing With Me #190](#)

Being Disciples

Is our great commission a mission to grow numbers or in the Making of Disciples?

What is the meaning of being a Disciple? A disciple is:

- A Learner
- A Student
- A Follower
- Accepts Jesus as the ultimate authority
- Not ashamed of Jesus

We are not the St Peter's Disciple-Making Factory. There is not a production quota. We are all part of a lifelong journey of growth and development of our faith and hope. Jesus is more than a rabbi, a teacher. He is the Master Rabbi. He nurtured his Disciples. Sometimes with a bit of tough love. None the less, He nurtured, He tendered, He grew his disciples.

There are many analogies and parables for us to draw from in The Bible. Some from farming. Some from fishing. For me, the analogies that resonate for our worship community are seeds, water and light. He is the vine. He is our gardener. Soil is tendered and prepared. Seeds are planted. Our seeds need water and light to grow. We are here to tender His vineyard of St Peter's Wynnum. Through all this, Jesus breathed His Peace so The Holy Spirit is with us and in us helping to do the work for our Kingdom. Our responsibility is doing our part with the Light of the world shining out from us.

Blessings,

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