**Lamentations 3:21-26 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

But this I call to mind,
Therefore I have hope.

It is because of the Lord’s loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because His tender compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;

Great *and* beyond measure is Your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion *and* my inheritance,” says my soul;
“Therefore I have hope in Him *and* wait expectantly for Him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait confidently for Him,
To those who seek Him on the authority of God’s word.

It is good that one waits quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

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| God fed the Jews on bread from heaven to sustain them physically and spiritually during their 40 year walk through the wilderness of the desert to the promised land.That promise is there for us today if we hunger – to open the door of our heart and welcome Jesus in.For Jesus says “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger.” *John 6:35* Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knockFor those of us whose life seems surrounded by shadows and darkness, living with depression or anxiety or worry. Jesus calls us to open the door and step out into His light.For He says “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” *John 8:12*  |   |
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Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

If you feel insecure and uncertain and seek protection, Jesus promises to watch over you and to keep you secure in Him. Jesus stands at the doorway and the gateway of your life. He alone is the way to the father.

He says “I am the gate; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” *John 10:9*

Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

Like sheep we have all gone astray and each has turned to their own way. Like sheep we are completely defenceless and totally dependent on the Shepherd to protect us, to lead us and to guide us.

Jesus says: “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.” *John 10:11*

Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

The worries of this fragile life and the unavoidable fact of our death can stalk us. Worries seem to be everywhere while we try to get through this lockdown and avoid the Corona virus through self-isolation.

Jesus has the power over life and death and indeed eternal life. He promises us that: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies.” *John 11:25*

Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

For those who wonder what is the purpose of my life? What is life all about? It is about us finding the way back to God the Father through Jesus the Son. Jesus is the source of life, both spiritual and eternal. Those who receive Him have eternal life because He *is* the Life

Jesus, in himself, is the bridge between us and God. Between this life and the next one.

He says “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” *John 14:6*

Jesus says - Behold I stand at the door and knock

We are called to live a full and fruitful life in Jesus. Whatever it is we are called to do, we cannot properly achieve this without remaining in him. We need to draw on him and his power and his love every single day. Without him we can do nothing and achieve nothing of eternal value.

Jesus says“I am the true vine. Remain in me ” *John 15:1*

Jesus you do indeed stand at the door of our lives and knock. You do not force yourself or invite yourself in. You wait for us to welcome you. So as we come again into your presence this morning we invite you afresh into our lives and we welcome you.

For you alone know the plans that you have for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future.

Amen