

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 19th July 2020

WELCOME and PRAYER

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice

A SONG OF PRAISE ADAPTED FROM PSALM 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord our God;

raise the roof to the Rock of rescue.

Come into the presence of the Lord with thanks;

raise the rafters with songs of praise.

The Lord is the great God, over all;

greater than every other power.

He holds the depths of the earth in his hands,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The ocean is the Lord's: it was made by God;

the land was formed by his own hands.

Come, let us bow before the Lord our maker;

with humble hearts we worship God.

The Lord is God and we are his;

we are the Shepherd's very own flock.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your
presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for
ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Father, we confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Lord Jesus, we confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly, and failing to share the good news of the Gospel. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Holy Spirit forgive us our weakness and failure to speak out for truth and justice and love in the world. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READING

Psalm 139: 1–12, 23–24

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any wicked^[c] way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Taken from Northumbria community

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day; and though I am poor,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day; and though I am weak,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day; and though of anxious heart,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials; and now, tried as I am,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day; and though it may be hidden,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine; and though the night is here,

today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe; and though you be silent now,

today I believe.

GOSPEL

⁹ Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Matthew Chapter 6:9-13

TALK

PRAYERS

Our Father in Heaven, we worship you and give thanks to you for life, for this beautiful earth for the wonder of creation. You are Holy and constant and in this time of change and uncertainty we pray that we may know in our hearts and minds that you are God yesterday, today and forever, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Your kingdom come, Lord Jesus Christ you teach us a different way to live, a way of peace and love of justice and righteousness. May your kingdom be established throughout this broken world. We pray for peace in the Middle East, in Syria and Yemen; we pray for peace in our local communities; for peace in households, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Your will be done: teach us to act in love to seek out and respond to the needs of others. We pray for our families and friends, for our neighbours and for those we do not know but who are known to you. We pray for protection from illness especially as we still confront this pandemic. We pray for comfort for those who have been hurt, for those recently bereaved, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We set before you the week ahead and ask that you will go with us every step of the way. Be with us as we shop, as we speak to others, as we make decisions, as we work, as we pray and as we rest; guide us to know your will and to respond to your call, **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever Amen.

BLESSING

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light, and the blessing of Almighty God Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen**

The Celtic Blessing

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DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory, **Amen**