



A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER
Sunday 28th June 2020
The Third Sunday after Trinity

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM: 13

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? ♦

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have anguish in my soul and grief in my heart, day after day? ♦

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; ♦

lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' ♦

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your steadfast love; ♦

my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, ♦
for he has dealt so bountifully with me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son;
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14 (Michael Callender)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

CANTICLE: The Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

**Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid.
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
Make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son;
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Matthew 10:40-42 (Barbara Callender)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we may call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

O Heavenly Father, we your people offer our prayers for the Church and world:

We give thanks for all who have gone out in mission and proclaimed the Good News in word and deed. We especially give thanks for those who brought the Gospel to our land. In challenging times, we ask your blessing upon today's preachers of the word and on all whose lives display your love in the face of despair. We pray for those whose ears are closed to the Gospel Good News, for those who are afraid to commit themselves and for missionaries who face hostility.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who live in a hostile environment. We do not forget the war weary peoples of Syria and the Yemen. We pray for all who are oppressed because of the colour of their skin, race or ethnicity, and we pray for ourselves when we fail to notice. We ask your blessing upon all who seek to bring peace and healing to the divisions of our world and all who strive to bring freedom and justice to nations and individuals. We remember the work of the United Nations, Amnesty International and all who work for justice and fairness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the love of our homes and ask your blessing upon our families and friends, near to hand, or separated from us. We remember all who suffer from rejection or violence in their homes. We pray for every child missing from their home, and every parent grieving their loss. We pray for people taken into care, those living on the streets of our cities and towns and those who have given them shelter in these months.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we give thanks for your healing love. We remember before you all who suffer illness or hunger, all who fear unemployment, and those who care about them. We ask your blessing upon all who are terminally ill and all who care for them. We pray especially for carers who feel exhausted or forgotten in these times.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks that, through Christ, the way to the fullness of your Kingdom is open to us. We remember our loved ones departed. Grant us comfort and peace as we commend one another to your loving care.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Our PRAYER FOR KEY WORKERS:

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless who are called to care for the sick, including those suffering from or recovering from Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in Nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. Protect all who are returning to work in across the economy. Guard them in their work, and watch over their families and loved ones in their anxiety for them. Protect our community from further waves of infection, we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility for leading this society out of Lockdown. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself for others with no thought for himself, even our Great Healer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you His peace: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMNS APPROPRIATE TO THE DAY:

ICH 601*

Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see;
and what I do in any thing
to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.

A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine;
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.

Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see;
and what I do in any thing
to do it as for thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) based on 1 Corinthians 10:31

Tune: SANDYS English traditional carol melody from William Sandys' Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern (1833)

ICH 211*

Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name,
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Alone, O Lord ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

Words: John G. Whittier (1807-92) based on Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 10:6-7; Mark 5:25-29

Tune: BISHOPHORPE melody and bass from Gardner's Select Portions of the Psalms (London, c.1786) ascribed to Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)

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