

Morning Worship

29th March 2020

The Preparation

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.
**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.
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Our God, you reign forever:
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God.
You do not faint; You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us
together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession

Hear these words of scripture.
If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and
strangers to the truth.
If we confess our sins, God is just and may be
trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every
kind of wrong.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us in silence remember our need for God's
forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.
**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Saviour Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 91 – Played by Sons of Korah

The Reading from the Old Testament

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding; in all your ways
acknowledge him, and he will make your paths
straight.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:
God's mercies never come to an end;**

**They are new every morning:
your faithfulness O Lord is great.**

**You are all that I have:
and therefore I will wait for you.**

**You O Lord are good to those who wait for you:
to all those who seek you.**

**It is good to wait in patience:
for the salvation of the Lord. (Lam 3:22-26)**

**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.

The Reading from the New Testament

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The
Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the
peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Lead us Heavenly Father

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
through this world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
now and to eternity:
here possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us:
all our weaknesses are plain;
you have lived on earth before us,
you have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted yet undaunted,
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
ever shall our joys increase.

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The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Unite714 Litany

Lord, you are our heavenly father. You rule and
reign over the whole earth. Nothing takes you by
surprise. Despite the overwhelming implications of
COVID-19, you promise all things work together for
our good. Today, our hope is not in the governments
of the world. Our hope is in you.

Lord, Thank you for the power of your name.

Heavenly Father, we are asking for your glorious
kingdom to come into our broken world. As
COVID-19 produces uncertainty around the globe,
may millions of people in every nation find healing,
safety, security and salvation as they turn to you in
repentance and faith.

Lord, Thank you for your salvation.

Lord, in an hour when resources are scarce, we thank
you for giving us our daily bread. We cry out to you
provide for friends, neighbour and all those hurting
in the world. Give supernatural strength, protection
and wisdom to the doctors, nurses, caregivers,
scientists, government officials and spiritual leaders
battling this crisis.

Lord, thank you for your provision.

Lord, I ask for your forgiveness for sins hindering
my relationship with you. Cleanse me of my
unbelief, selfishness and unrighteous anger. I
forgive those who have offended me. We cry out
for our world to turn to you in repentance.

Lord, thank you for your forgiveness.

Lord, do not let us be tempted to live in fear, panic
and cynicism. Deliver us from the effects of this
virus. We unite in faith with millions of other
Christians around the world. We ask you to
eradicate COVID-19 from our planet and bring
revival and awakening to the nations of our world.
**Lord, thank you for delivering us from evil.
Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Collect for Times of Trouble

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to us all
as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make us the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Most merciful God,
by the passion of your Son Jesus Christ
you delivered us from the power of darkness;
grant that through faith in him
who suffered on the cross,
we may be found acceptable in your sight,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Morning Collect

Holy and ever living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another
and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gifts of the People are acknowledged.

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God and of his Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you
now and remain with you. **Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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