

Morning Worship

6th September 2020

The Preparation

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.**

Testimony

Praise God - an “inoperable stage IV tumour” was able to be successfully removed after prayer.

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.

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

Sentence:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:8

Song:

A New Commandment

Confession

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

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.

In silence, we 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.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God’s word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

The Readings from the Epistles – Julie Walker

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14

Hymn 539:

Father of All, Whose Laws have Stood

The Reading from the Gospel– Ian Hardcastle

Matthew 18:15-20

The Sermon – Ian Hardcastle

Prayers – Don Battley

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.

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.

Unite714 Litany

Heavenly Father, the prophet Habakkuk foresaw destruction coming on his nation. As he chose to stand firm and wait on You in prayer and intercession, so we come before You today. Our eyes are turned to You. Lord, help us not to falter in our commitment, but to stand fast and pray in this critical hour.

Today, Lord, we unite in prayer against the pandemic afflicting our world: physically, emotionally, economically, and socially. Lord, eradicate COVID-19 and heal our world!

Almighty God, forgive us for complaining and doubting. No matter how long it takes to eradicate COVID-19, give us the patience we need to see it defeated. We take our stand on the powerful promise of Habakkuk 2:3 “If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.” We choose to wait patiently for Your deliverance. Our hope is in You.

Lord, in the midst of the storms rocking our world, please give us the faith and patience we need to stand on Your promises.

Heavenly Father, we have heard of the miraculous ways You have intervened throughout history on behalf of Your children. The memory of these divine interventions gives us the faith we need to boldly come before Your throne today. We ask You to revive Your Church and make Your glorious name known through a fresh display of Your presence and power in the earth. **In the name of Jesus, we ask You to send an outpouring of Your Spirit to empower afresh Your people and result in the conversion of millions around the world.**

Regardless of the circumstances surrounding us, we choose to rejoice even as we pray and wait for your intervention. Give us the strength we need to live boldly through these mountain ranges of difficulty and adversity.

Heavenly Father, we stand before You with our hands lifted in thanksgiving and praise. Thank you for the strength You have given us! We believe that You will fill Your Church with the fresh joy and power we need to serve you. Amen.

We pray for those of our congregation who are unwell, suffering or facing challenging health or financial issues.

We pray for Eleanor Battley, Herb Pryde and others in the parish whose needs are known to them alone.

Let us pray for those who are adversely impacted by the present lockdown, for those who are serving us in the medical services, for those who are facing challenging business difficulties and for those who may be assailed by loneliness or grief.

For all these we pray:

Lord you are a present help in trouble.
Come, revive, redeem, restore.
In our darkness come as light.
In our sadness come as joy.

In our troubles come as peace.
In our weakness come as strength.
Come Lord to our aid:
Revive, redeem, restore us.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

**Creator God,
you have made us
not in one mould, but in many:
so deepen our unity in Christ
that we may rejoice in our diversity.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

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.**

Hymn 370:

May the Grace of Christ our Saviour

The Gifts of the People.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have been able to offer
the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have
given us.

Bless us and our offerings to do your work in the
world.

Amen. Blessed be God for ever.

The Dismissal

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and remain with you.
Amen.

Go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.