



## Worship for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service this morning, it is lovely to have you with us. Within the church year this week we have remembered St Barnabas, a Biblical saint whose name means, son of encouragement (Acts 4: 36). As it seems like we could all do with some encouragement at the moment, I have taken St Barnabas the encourager as the theme for our worship today. So, as we get ready to begin our service let us take a moment now to still ourselves before God so that we are ready for worship. *Time of stillness and quiet.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The lord be with you **and also with you.**

Loving Lord, our grace draws us to your presence; your peace unites us in your love; your hope inspires us to praise your glory. May our worship be worthy of you. **Amen**

### Hymn: All my hope on God is founded

We come before you, gracious God, just as we are. We come with our weakness and our vulnerabilities. We come with our fears and apprehensions. We come with faith and doubt. We come to offer and receive We come to you, the king of love – in the name of your Son, and in the power of your Spirit. Amen

### Prayers of confession

We come to you as one from whom no secrets are hidden to ask for your forgiveness and peace. *Silence*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Collect for the first Sunday after Trinity

God of truth help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

### Collect for St Barnabas

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him the grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Reading: Acts 11: 19-end

## Hymn Lord of all Hopefulness

Reading: John 15: 12-17

### Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

### Creed

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

### Hymn: Will you come and follow me

### Prayers

*I have made a video of the prayers.*

Through Jesus we are shown God's compassion and mercy; let us pray for that love in our lives, in the church and in the world.

Let compassion and mercy be the hallmarks of our church life and all its activities; let us be noticeable by their shining in our behaviour and our conversations. May we always know your encouragement in our lives and give us the grace to encourage others through our words and actions. Guide and strengthen your church as we reflect on what it is to truly be the people of God and give us courage to follow where you lead. Lord of love, **may your love fill our lives**

Let compassion and mercy take root in every institution, policy, and structure; let them challenge accepted wrongs and disturb complacency. We pray for the leaders of the nations and all those in authority under them, fill them with your wisdom, compassion, and integrity, may their decisions and actions seek the goodness and welfare of all. We bring before you all those affected by coronavirus, violence, poverty, prejudice, or oppression, may you bring to them your justice, mercy and peace. We thank you the work of so many charities that seek to improve the lives and men, women and children and ask that you give them the resources they need to continue their good work. Lord of love, **may your love fill our lives**

Let compassion and mercy guard every doorway and fill every room; let them colour each encounter and drive every decision. We pray for our local community for all who live, work, or visit this place. We bring before you all who are finding life difficult and challenging at this time, may they find the strength, hope, love, and encouragement that they need. We give thanks for the hard work and commitment of our key workers and all those who give support and encouragement to others. Lord of love, **may your love fill our lives**

Let compassion and mercy transform attitudes for all whose illness or frailty makes them marginalised, ignored, or despised. We pray for all those who support people with their mental health and wellbeing, be with them in their work and given them the resources they need to help and support others. We pray for all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them your healing and peace. Lord of love, **may your love fill our lives**

Let compassion and mercy accompany the dying and welcome them into eternity. We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died and for all that they meant to those who loved them. In a moment of silence, we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, may they find in you comfort and hope. Lord of love, **may your love fill our lives**

In a few moments of silence, we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.*

Let compassion and mercy blossom in all of us, as we live out our thankfulness to the God of love, for all his goodness to us. Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The peace**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the lord be always with you, **and also with you**. Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.*

### **Hymn: Guide me oh thou great redeemer**

#### **We go out**

Go to serve; go to love; go to bring healing; go to bring peace; go to encourage others; go in the strength of the Father; go in the power of Jesus; go united by the Spirit. Go – and know his grace. Amen

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **Homework**

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 4:11)

Don't forget the encouragement challenge that I set you at the end of my sermon today to be more like St Barnabas and every day this week to give encouragement to another person. Through your words and actions to bring into the life of another, courage, support, love and hope as you work with God to encourage others in these challenging times.