



Worship for Sunday 5th July

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service this morning on this the 3rd Sunday after Trinity. It is lovely to have you with us this morning as we gather in prayer and spirit before our welcoming and generous God. The reading today contains a wonderful invitation from God that we so need to hear right now. As we prepare for worship this morning let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God.

Call to worship

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

Let us come to the Lord Jesus. **Let us seek his rest.**

Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Come to God, all who are weary and tired. Come to God, all who are burdened by life. Come to God, all who feel trapped and underappreciated. For you will find: the rest that you need, the peace you seek, and the love you long for. Come to God in Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have let you down in many ways. We ask for your mercy and your help.

We keep the good news to ourselves: Lord, Forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We ignore or hurt those who are different to us and failed to strive for justice: Lord, Forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We forget to share all the good things that we have: Lord, Forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We have misused the gift of creation and not cared for the earth. Lord, Forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you: Lord, Forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

God our Saviour look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Reading: Psalm 145: 8-15

Hymn: All I once held dear

Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

Talk

I have made a recording 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: I hear the voice of Jesus say

A way into prayer

Write down the things that are on your mind. Put a cross on a table and read again Matthew 11: 28-30 and as you read place your list on the table and offer them – and particularly that which they represent – to God.

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us bring to God who loves us our prayers and concerns for the Church and the world.

God of Compassion, we thank you for your wonderful invitation to come with our weariness and burdens and to receive rest. Give us the strength and courage to respond so we may find in you the rest we need. We pray for the church through out the world, for our Archbishops, Bishops, and church leaders. Guide and strengthen your church in its mission and ministry as we work to build your kingdom. We pray for all those seeking your will and we ask that you give them a right discernment as they follow your path. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, teach all in authority, inspire those who lead, so they may work together for the good of all and in protection of the vulnerable. We continue our prayers for all those effected by the coronavirus, for the sick, the bereaved, our key workers, the unemployed, the anxious, those in unsafe home situations and those countries where there is poor health care and sanitation. We pray for places in our world where there is violence and war, political and civil unrest, poverty and famine, bring into the lives of men, women and children your peace, justice, love and hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of tenderness, dwell in our home through all the times of joy and all the heartaches and sadness, teaching us to show one another the love you show to us. We pray for our local community for all who live and work here, remembering especially those who have found this week difficult and challenging. As we mark the anniversary of the formation of the NHS we pray this special prayer: God of healing and compassion, we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service, and for the dedication of all who work in it: give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research. Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, speak into the despair and loneliness of all who struggle with life and its troubles; reassure, affirm and encourage them, and alert us to ways we can help. We pray for all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing and love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, be with the dying and all who love and care for them. We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died naming before you those known to us. *Silence.* Be with all those who are grieving at this time, may they find in you comfort and hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of stillness and quiet we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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: Come people of the risen king

We go out

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

May God bless us as we go, may we know that Jesus is by our side, and may the Holy Spirit give us strength and inspiration to be the person God wants you to be. And the blessing of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit be with us, and all whom we love and care for this day and always. **Amen**

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