



## Worship for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our worship on this the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity. Welcome if you are worshipping with us in our church building, or over Zoom or at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather before our loving and generous God. Today our gospel reading is focused on the nature of the kingdom of heaven and encourages us to think about where we see the kingdom of heaven already at work in the world around us and to join in. So, let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God of that we are ready for worship this morning.

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.**

As we enter God's holy presence this morning, are you ready to hear again about God's kingdom? Come, open your hearts and minds to see the kingdom around us and within us. Come, and worship the living God. **Amen**

### Hymn: Now thank the all our God

Lord, God, as we gather together, we thank you for your presence, here with us. Thank you, Lord, that each one of us is unique, yet we share a common bond in you. We come together as one body, but we all learn and experience things in different ways. We thank you for amazing word that gives us so many pictures of your kingdom. Something for everyone, something to feed our hearts and minds. Be with us Lord and bless us richly as we call upon your name. **Amen**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayer of penitence

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

**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 neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

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

### Collect for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Reading: Psalm 119: 129-136

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.  
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**  
In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.  
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

**Hymn: Hear the call of the kingdom**

**Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

**A prayer of praise**

**We praise you, Lord Jesus, for the richness of the parable that root our faith in the ordinary and yet transform it. Increase in us a sense of wonder, that we might see signs of your kingdom wherever we are, and bless us with words to tell new stories of your love and grace to all we meet. We pray in your name. Amen**

**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: Be thou my vision**

**Prayers**

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us pray to God our loving heavenly father.

Loving God, we pray for the church throughout the world, we thank you for all who have helped us to pray and to grasp something of your great love and compassion. We ask your blessing and empowering on all who teach and minister in your name and all those who are seeking to grow in their faith. God as you have called us to fulfil your purpose, work in us and through us to do your will. Guide and strength us with your love and grace as we seek to be your people in this place and build up the kingdom of God. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for all the beauty and diversity of the created world we inhabit. We ask for the wisdom and will to tend it carefully as we seek to protect the environment and care for all people especially the vulnerable. We pray for all who are suffering hardship or persecution, for all who are in peril or danger, for all who live in places where there is violence and war. Strengthen all who seek to bring in your kingdom by striving for peace, for justice and for equality. We pray for all in medical research especially those working with the coronavirus and cancer, grant them your wisdom and insight in their work. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for those who have shared with us the riches of the kingdom, for those who have been examples to us, for those we love, for the joy of family and friendship, for all with whom we share our daily life and those we love but whom we have not been able to meet with recently. We pray for our local community and for all the communities of which we are a part, may kindness, compassion, and understanding shape our lives together. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we bring to you all those who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit naming before you any known to us. *Silence*. Gather them up in your healing, your strength and courage, your hope and wholeness. Help us to be channels of your love, healing, and compassion. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we call to mind all those we have known and loved but who have now died. We give thanks for all those who have recently died and in a moment of silence we name before you any know to us. *Silence.* We pray for all those who are grieving at this time that you bring to them you comfort and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. Silence.

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

## **The Lord's prayer**

### **Peace**

Jesus said: 'Love one another: as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.' 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: All my hope on God is founded**

### **We go out**

**Send us out Lord: to love and to live, to act and to give, to pray and to serve. In Jesus's name. Amen.**

May the joy of the kingdom go with us. May the peace of the kingdom sustain us, and may we know the king of the kingdom, Jesus Christ, to be your friend and saviour as we journey through this week. 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**

### **This week - The Kingdom of heaven is like.... challenge**

Our gospel reading today is full of parables reflecting on the nature of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus offers various similes using every day ordinary objects to help us understand the nature of the kingdom of heaven. This week I would like to encourage you to finish the sentence 'The kingdom of God is like....' either in words or with a picture or photo. Please send your thoughts to me and I will share them with the rest of our church family and on Facebook over the course of this next week. Thank you in advance for joining in with this challenge, for encouraging one another as we look for the kingdom of God amongst us and work with God to build it up.