



Worship for Sunday 23rd August

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 11th 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 God. Our gospel reading today is the first part of a conversation Jesus has with his disciples about the nature of his identity as Jesus asks the question 'who do you say that I am?'. Let us take a moment to be still and quite in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

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.**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognize his presence with us. *Silence.*
As God's people we have gathered: **let us worship him together.**

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer, and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers of penitence

Jesus says, 'repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So, let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

There are a varieties of gifts, **but the same spirit**
There are varieties of service, **but the same Lord**
There are different kinds of working, **but the same God is at work in all.**

Hymn: Speak oh Lord

Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Talk

I have made a video.

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: Take my life and let it be

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Gathered as the church of God, members of the body of Christ, let us pray.

Fill your church, O Lord, with life and energy, spiritual health, and vitality, your wisdom and love. Help us to grow more like you, so we may exercise your loving, minister with your grace, serve with your humility and co-operate with your vision. Guide and strengthen your church and give us the resources we need as we seek to be your church in these uncertain times. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Fill your world, O Lord, with wonder at creation, recognition of our mutual human responsibility, desire for reforming what is at fault, and hope in the possibilities of living at peace with one another. We pray for men, women and children who are caught up in situations of war and violence, political and civil unrest, poverty, and famine and for all refugees and those without a home. We give thanks for the work of charities both local and international and ask that you bless them with the resources they need to continue their good work. Fill with your compassion and wisdom all who lead and make decision that affect the nations. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Fill our homes and neighbourhoods, O Lord, with the generosity and trust that allows space but is always ready to encourage and support and to show kindness and compassion. We pray for our children and young people, especially for those who have recently received or who are still waiting for exam results. We pray for all the homes and families of our communities remembering especially those who are finding life difficult and challenging at this time, may they find love, support, and strength to help them through. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital, for all in emergency surgery or in casualty, for all those waiting for a diagnosis and those living with lifelong or life limiting conditions. In a moment of silence, we name before you any we know how are suffering this day whether in body, mind, or spirit. *Silence.* We pray for the work of all who heal and comfort, all who visit the sick and counsel the distressed, fill them and us with your compassion and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the dying and those who love them; we pray for those who have completed this life and have made the journey through death. 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 know your love, comfort, and hope. We pray for the work of those who comfort the bereaved. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

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

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thankfulness and praise as we recall your faithfulness and live in your love. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

Peace

God has called us to live in 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: Tell out my Soul

We go out

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 God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen**

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

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