



## Worship for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity. Welcome if you are worshiping 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 generous and forgiving God. Our gospel reading today follows on from last week and picks up the theme of forgiveness. Let us take a moment to be still 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.**

Come to the God who knows us, to the God who created our being, to the God who knows our frailty, to the God who loves and cherishes us beyond measure. Come as you are and worship God.

### Hymn: Praise my soul the king of heaven

**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.**

### Prayers for penitence

The spirit of the lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confesses our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence.*

In a dark and disfigured world, we have not held out the light of life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**  
In a hungry and despairing world, we have failed to share our bread. Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**  
In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves. Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

*A time of silence as we bring to mind our own sins.*

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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

### Psalm 103: 8-13

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

**Hymn: I cannot tell**

**Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35**

**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: Brother sister let me serve you**

**Prayers**

I have made a video of the prayers. The link is below and, in the email, sent with this order of service.

Let us come before God, our creator and sustainer, with the needs of the church and of the world.

Heavenly Father, you opened your arms for us on the cross, you welcome us into your kingdom: may your saving power be known among us, and lead us into the ways of peace, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in everlasting love. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, so full of forgiveness and mercy, fill your Church to the brim with such holiness that our understanding of your ways and your love deepen daily, and all our work and worship glorifies your name. Give us your wisdom and grace as we seek to live out our faith in our daily life and work and guide and strengthen your church during these uncertain times. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are involved in the worldly struggles for power, all areas of political unrest, all decision and policy makers, fill them with your wisdom, compassion, and respect so that they may encourage just and peaceful government. We thank you for the beauty and variety of our landscapes and cultures, all over the world. Teach us to cherish and respect this universe we inhabit and all those who look or sound different from ourselves. Conscious of the all the brokenness in the world in a moment of silence we bring before you any stories in the news that have touched our hearts this week. *Silence.* Come with your love, hope, peace, justice and mercy into the lives of men, women and children, and show us ways in which we can make the world a better place and give us the courage to take them. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly father, so comforting and kind, help us to notice the needs around us, in our families, friends, colleagues and community, and respond to them in love. We pray for local business and framers, for all those with financial concerns or worries, for the unemployed and those fearful of losing their jobs. We thank you for the gentle gifts of laughter and friendship, thoughtfulness, and sympathy. We pray that our eyes may see all people with your love and compassion. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, so mindful of our pain, we bring to you our brothers and sisters who are in hospital, awaiting or recovering from operations, waiting for a diagnosis or undergoing treatments, all those who are struggling with

their well being and mental health. In a moment of silence, we name before you any that we know who are suffering whether in body, mind, or spirit. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing, comfort, and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly father we thank you for the lives of those who have recently died, naming in silence any know to us. *Silence.* We pray for those who miss their earthly presence and for all those who are grieving, particularly those who are really struggling with their grief, may they find the support, comfort, and hope they need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our pray.**

In silence we approach our loving heavenly father with the concerns that our on our hearts. *Silence.*

Lord, we bring to your love all these our prayers, trusting to your mercy our troubles and concerns. Merciful Father **accept these prayers for the same of your son saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **The Lord's prayer**

### **The peace**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.  
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: Great is thy faithfulness**

### **We go out**

**Eternal God, slow to anger and swift to forgive, fill our lives with the loving energy of your compassionate Spirit, that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of the God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen**

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

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