



Worship for Sunday 11th October 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 18th 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 in the presence of our loving heavenly father. Our reading this week comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians and exploring worry and how we might overcome worry. So as we prepare for worship this morning let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God.

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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say: REJOICE!

A gathering prayer

Lord God, faithful and loving, we do not always feel like rejoicing. Even as we gather to worship you, our minds are sometimes distracted and elsewhere, weighed down by the burdens of our lives. Help us, in this moment, to find it within our hearts to REJOICE in your faithfulness and loving care for us. People of God let us rejoice. **Amen**

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

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 of penitence

Lord God, our maker, and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.
Silence.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sins.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sins.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sins.**

We have heard the good news of Christ but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sins.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves; Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our 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**

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God, our judge, and saviour teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Psalm 23

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.
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For I am always with you; you hold me by right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the father and to the son and to the Holy Spirit.
Lord, you will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.

Hymn: The lord is my shepherd

Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

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

A prayer of praise and thanksgiving

For eternal hope that comes from you, almighty God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
For gentleness and compassion, **we give you thanks and praise.**
For your peace with in, **we give you thanks and praise.**
For your light in the darkness, **we give you thanks and praise.**
For hope when all seems hopeless, **we give you thanks and praise.**
For love beyond measure, **we give you thanks and praise. Amen**

Hymn: In the lord I'll be ever thankful

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Our prayers today offer moments of stillness and invite you to offer your own prayers after each bidding.

Let us pray

We pray for the Church, the body of Christ, longing for its healing, strengthening and openness to you will. *Silence.*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world and all the nations, longing for peace and tranquillity, justice, mercy, and forgiveness. *Silence.*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We prayer for all our relatives and the family life of our country, longing for the grace to love and honour one another, to trust and to persevere. *Silence.*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill or in distress, longing for your comfort, healing, and refreshment. *Silence.*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are grieving longing for your love, comfort, strength, and hope. *Silence.*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you and worship you for all your blessings, but especially for your generous saving love and faithful presence with us. *Silence.*

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

The Lord's prayer

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: Praise my soul the king of heaven

We go out

We travel the journey of life but do not go alone, **for the lord is with us.**
We travel the journey of life with thankful hearts, **and the Lord is with us.**
We travel the journey of life with each other, **and with the Lord, who us always with us. Amen**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your 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 you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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

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A personal prayer.

I do not always know who I am or what I want, Lord. I am sometimes happy in my skin and sometimes I just want to leave it all behind. Sometimes I want to be 'out there' and noticed and other times I want to be alone and obscure. Sometimes, Lord, my tears are of joy and sometimes of sorrow and anguish. But always, Lord, you know my innermost thoughts, even those I do not understand myself – help me to rest always in you. Amen