



Worship for Sunday 25th October 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the last 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. As we get ready for our service this morning let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship.

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 recognise his presence with us. *Silence.*
As God's people we have gathered. **Let us worship him together.**

Hymn: Thy hand oh God has guided

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

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our 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, 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 the last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Reading: Matthew 22: 34-end

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: Come down Oh Love divine

Prayers

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

Through Jesus we are shown God's compassion and mercy; let us pray for that love in our lives, in the church and in the world.

Let compassion and mercy be the hallmarks of our church life and all its activities; let us be noticeable by their shining in our behaviours and our conversation. We pray for the strength and courage to love the lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind and our neighbour as ourselves. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy take root in every institution, policy, and structure; let them challenge accepted wrongs and disturb complacency. We pray for the leaders of the nations and all those in authority under them, fill them with your wisdom and compassion. We continue our prayers for all those affected by the coronavirus and for all those involved in medical research, bless them in their work. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy take root in every doorway and fill every room; let them colour each encounter and drive every decision. We pray for our local community especially for those who have found this week particularly difficult and challenging. We pray for our local schools on half-term holiday, may this week bring refreshment. We give thanks for all those who work for the NHS and who care for others, bring them the resources they need to continue their good work and to support their own wellbeing. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy transform our attitudes to all who whose illness or frailty makes them marginalised, ignored, or despised. Let there be healing of all damaged self-perception, and restoration of jarred human dignity. We pray for all those who are suffering weather in body, mind, or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing, comfort, and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let compassion and mercy accompany the dying and welcome them to eternity. We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died and for all that they meant to those who loved them. We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, bring to them your comfort, strength, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Let compassion and mercy blossom, in all of us, as we live out our thankfulness to the God of love, for all his goodness.

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: Oh Jesus I have promised

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.

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

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

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