**Morning Worship for 13th September 2020**

***As we begin this act of worship let us remember all those not able to be with us who are joining us in their own homes, we remember that there are many friends who are doing the same and are joining with us in worship. Although we will not be having hymns in church for those of you at home If you have you-tube then please find an appropriate version of the suggested hymns and join in the singing on-line. As you go through this time of worship try to remember this reality; you are in the presence of God who holds us all in His care and keeping.***

**The Greeting:**

**We thank you, O Lord our God,**

**For making us rise from our beds**

**And setting upon our lips these words of praise**

**So we may worship you and call upon your holy Name.**

**As you have continually blessed our lives**

**With goodness and mercy**

**So we pray to you now: send your help**

**To those who stand in your holy and glorious presence**

**Awaiting your abundant mercy;**

**And may those who have served you unceasingly**

**In love and awe, praise, worship and adore**

**Your unutterable goodness.**

**For to you belong all glory, honour and praise,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Now and for ever, to the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Collect for the day:**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us

A new and living way into your presence:

Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

To worship you in spirit and in truth;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever**. Amen.**

**Our Declaration of faith**

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,**

**For great in your midst is the Holy One.**

**Behold, God is my salvation,**

**I will trust and will not be afraid;**

**For the Lord God is my strength and my song,**

**And has become my salvation.**

**With joy you will draw water**

**From the wells of salvation.**

**On that day you will say,**

**Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

**Make known his deeds among the nations,**

**Proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously,**

**Let this be known in all the world.**

**Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,**

**For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,**

**For great in your midst is the Holy One.**

*Isaiah 12: 2-6*

**Hymn:** And can it be. **(For those at home only.)**

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**Readings**: Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14: 1-12,

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

**Reflection:** This will be delivered by the Leader in church.

(For those at home a reflection will be sent through separately by Clive.)

**Hymn:** Amazing Grace. **(For those at home only.)**

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**Prayers for others:** This morning let us pause for prayer for so many people and for so many situations.

We come boldly to the throne of grace,

Praying to the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we pray today for your faithful people, that they may find the ability to forgive from their hearts. That they may be open to your gentle embrace and mercy. Help us all to remove from within ourselves past hurts and sadnesses that we may live our lives fully restored and able to forgive constantly in the image of our Lord.

As we pray for all the communities in which we live and work, help us to be bold, to be strong, yet also to be compassionate as Jesus was, and in so doing may we bring peace and comfort into the hearts of all who place their trust and confidence in him.

We pray especially at this time for all who have returned to school, praying that their lives may be filled with the desire to learn and to grow in wisdom. We pray for friendships to be reunited and for all your children to be safe and secure within their school environments.

We pray for all with responsibilities to care for future generations, for all who teach and for all who support our schools through the professional and voluntary sectors of society. Help them to make wise judgements and for them to uphold the ideals of boldness and strength touched with the blessing of compassion and mercy.

We pray for the body of Christ of which we are apart, may we be emboldened to proclaim your Gospel of Peace in a troubled world. May your healing grace reach out to all who are in need, and through your good mercy may they find comfort and joy.

As we continue to live in a world of change, we pray that you will send down your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be guided to respond to your call, be prepared to be directed into new approaches that will enable the societies of the world to flourish and to stay safe and secure from illness and pain.

Father hear us as we continue to pray for the NHS with all the pressures and strains still upon it, that they would receive all the protection and supplies they need, that they would experience God’s protection in their work, courage for each day and stamina to care for all those who are so dependent upon them. For the sick and vulnerable that they would receive the care they need in their hour of weakness.

We pray especially for all those known to us from our own worshipping community and indeed from within the communities in which we live, especially for those whom have approached us for prayer at this time. And finally we hold before you all whom have lost loved ones throughout this period of change, may they be comforted by your love, and supported throughout their time of sadness.

And so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**Hymn:** At the name of Jesus. **(For those at home only.)**

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**The Song of Hannah:**

**Blessed are those who believe,**

**For what God has promised will be fulfilled.**

My heart exults in the Lord;

My strength is exalted in my God.

**My mouth derides my enemies,**

**Because I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is no Holy One like you, O Lord,

Nor any rock like you, our God.

**For you are a God of knowledge,**

**And by you our actions are weighed.**

The bows of the mighty are broken,

But the feeble gird on strength.

**Those who were full now search for bread,**

**But those who were hungry are well fed.**

The barren woman has borne sevenfold,

But she who has many children is forlorn.

**Both the poor and the rich are of your making,**

**You bring low and you also exalt.**

You raise up the poor from the dust,

And lift the needy from the ash heap.

**You make them sit with the rulers**

**And inherit a place of honour.**

For the pillars of the earth are yours

And on them you have set the world.

**Blessed are those who believe**

**For what God has promised will be fulfilled.**

**Blessing:**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,

Defend you on every side,

And guide you in truth and peace;

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**