**Morning Worship for 20th June 2021**

***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:**

**Loving God, open our hearts,**

**So that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.**

**Unclench our hands so that we may reach out to one another,**

**And touch and be healed.**

**Open our lips that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.**

**Unclog our ears**

**To hear your agony in our inhumanity.**

**Open our eyes, so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger,**

**Breathe your Spirit into us,**

**And touch our lives with the life of Christ, Amen.**

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty God,

You have broken the tyranny of sin

And have sent the Spirit of your Son

Into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,

That we and all creation may be brought

To the glorious liberty of the children of God;

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**

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God;**

**Who has created and is creating.**

**Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**To reconcile and make new,**

**Who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**To celebrate God’s presence,**

**To love and serve others,**

**To seek justice and resist evil,**

**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**Our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*‘A New Creed’ by permission of the United Church of Canada*

**Hymn:** Eternal Father strong to save.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Readings**: Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13.

**Hymn**: I cannot tell.

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**Gospel Reading**: Mark 4:35-end.

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

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

**Hymn:** Lord thy Word abideth.

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

Living love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: we pray for those who find themselves unloved by others, those who go hungry and all who throughout our world are forced to drink from unsuitable sources. For all who struggle to keep warm and comfortable, struggling with excessive heat or the paralysing cold. Lord help us to share the abundance of your love and hope with all who are in need.

Lord in your mercy;

We praise and adore you.

Jesus, wisdom and word; lover of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen: life in the midst of death. Hear us as we pray for those who are still rejected by society, those whose lives are blighted by racial prejudice and hostility and for all who face cruelty and abuse in our world today.

Lord in your mercy;

We praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge-builder, eye-opener, waker of the oppressed, unseen and unexpected, untameable energy of life; we pray for those who seek to bring forth peace and harmony in our world. For those who offer spiritual solace to those who are oppressed, and for those prepared to enter into difficult places in order to promote justice and social order.

Lord in your mercy;

We praise and adore you.

Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbour: life in all its fullness, making all things new; We pray that we as the fellowship of Christ today may through our unity and love for one another so support our own communities that we may be a beacon of your hope in a troubled world.

Lord in your mercy;

We praise and adore you.

***Brian Wren, Christian Aid Prayers 1980: amended.***

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:** O Jesus I have promised.

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**Canticle: A Song of God’s Children**

**The Spirit of the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to the people of God!**

**In Christ Jesus, the life-giving law of the Spirit has set us free from the law of sin and death. All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, Abba! Father.**

**The Spirit itself bears witness that we are God’s children; and if God’s children, then heirs of God. We are heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ; if we share his sufferings now we shall be glorified with him hereafter. These sufferings that we now endure are not worth comparing with the glory that shall be revealed. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.**

**The Spirit of the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to the people of God.**

**Blessing:**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water

Welling up to eternal life,

Perfect in us the image of his glory;

And may the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be upon us and remain with us always.

**Amen.**