**Morning Worship for 25th July 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. We will now be singing hymns in church but 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:**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;**

**My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

**For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

**The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm;**

**He has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones**

**And has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things**

**And the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,**

**For he has remembered his promise of mercy.**

**The promise he made to our forebears:**

**To Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct,

Sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies

In the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;

That through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,

We may be preserved in body and soul;

Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

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**

**The preaching of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,**

**but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

**To those who are called, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**For the folly of God is wiser than human wisdom,**

**And the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your holy cross,**

**You have redeemed the world.**

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

**Readings**: 2 Kings 4:42-end, Ephesians 3:14-end.

**Hymn**: Let us with a gladsome mind.

**Gospel Reading**: John 6:1-21.

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

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

**Hymn:** Just as I am without one plea.

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

**Hear us Heavenly Father as we pray with thanksgiving for your Church and for Christ our Saviour.**

**We pray for the Mother Church in Jerusalem and for our own Cathedral in this diocese of Lincoln. We pray for Bishop Christopher and for all Diocesan team and for all who take up positions of authority within it. We pray for unity and for your peace to rest upon us at this time of change. May your Holy Spirit wash over us and guide us to seek to do all that we can to re-ignite the fire of faith in this land.**

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**As we pray for our Saviour in thanksgiving for all the love that he showed forth when he was in our midst, especially remembering his love for his people ensuring that they were satisfied both physically and spiritually. We pray for all who desperately seek to find meaning in their lives, those who are desperately searching for hope and an inner peace. As Christ showed forth his compassion on those in need help us to do likewise today.**

**Wherever there is hurt, disappointment, rejection and pain, may the love of Christ seek to heal the divisions which bring forth such disharmony and may the expression of love prevail in your people.**

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Hear us as we pray for our troubled world at this time, we pray that we may continue to eradicate disease from our midst and so restore the nations of the world that they may all share together the joy of being free from illness and anxiety. As we pray for those in our own families we pray for families across the world that together through the love of the blessed mother Mary, that all your children shall reap the rewards of your eternal gesture of love.**

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**We continue to pray at this time for all who are known to us who are in need in any way, especially those suffering from isolation and loneliness, those rejected or ignored by others, and for all those who live alone with no family or friends to support them. May your love wash over them and bring them hope and peace.**

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Finally Father we pray for all those whom you have called to yourself, may they rest secure in your loving embrace. May all who mourn loved ones at this time be comforted and strengthened to persevere through their times of sadness and pain, trusting in the Lord Jesus that through the depth of their faith they may bring forth joy from the sadness of separation and loss.**

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:** For the fruits of his creation.

**A Song of Jerusalem our Mother:**

**Thus says our God, I will comfort you, you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her all you who love her, says the Lord. Rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her, that you may drink deeply with delight from her consoling breast. For thus says our God, you shall be nursed and carried on her arm. As a mother comforts her children, so I will comfort you; you shall see and your heart shall rejoice; you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.

**Thus says our God, I will comfort you, you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

And keep us in eternal life.

May Christ, the Son of God, gladden our hearts

With the good news of his kingdom.

May God, our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

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