**Morning Worship for 27th June 2021**

***As you begin this act of worship in your own home remember that there are many friends who are doing the same and are joining with you in worship. If you have you-tube then please find an appropriate version of the hymns and join in the singing. 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 come in this service to God,

In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

And who walks with us the road of our worlds suffering.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,

And God has promised never to turn us away.

*The Iona Community Worship Book 1991*

**Collect for the day:**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

Without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

Increase and multiply upon us your mercy;

That with you as our ruler and guide

We may pass through things temporal

That we lose not our hold on things eternal;

Grant this, heavenly Father,

For our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,

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**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

The whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

Ascribe to the Lord, the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

The whole earth is full of his glory.

**Hymn:** Take my life and let it be.

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

**Readings:** Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15.

**Hymn:** Immortal love forever full.

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**Gospel Reading**: Mark 5:21-43

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

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

**Hymn:** O love that will not let me go.

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

**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 for mercy and grace.

Heavenly Father, we pray today for your Church as it seeks to respond afresh to your call in the world. For those Churches who have opened their hearts to the challenges before us, we pray for their Leaders, their Congregations and the Communities for whom they pray.

As they rejoice being together in your name in a safe and secure way, may the power of your Holy Spirit rest upon them, wherever they may be in your world.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For all those Churches and places of worship which are discovering new ways of worship, we pray for the community of the faithful finding new ways to support and encourage one another and to continue to hold all those around them in the mantle of your love. Let us respond fully to the Word of Life, and live out our lives giving you the honour and the glory which you are due.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Father hear us as we continue to pray for the NHS with all the fears of renewed pressure and strain from new variants still upon it, that they would continue to 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. For the lonely in our parishes, that they would know God’s presence in their solitude and receive a friendly call from their neighbours.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

We pray especially at this time for the people of our global world, especially those poorer nations struggling with vaccination programmes, we pray that our generosity toward them in their hour of need may continue to be a key response to their immediate concerns, seeking to protect the most vulnerable in all the societies of the world.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Finally Lord we continue to hold before you all those who have died, praying for their loved ones who feel so much the sense of loss that bereavement brings, on this day when we remember Saint Peter and St Paul, may all your saints surround the departed in the joy of eternity.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

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:** The Churches one foundation.

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**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.**