All Saints Church Renhold

A Service of the word

***Lead by Caroline Coster***

Please join in with the words in bold.

**PREPARATION**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

**Lift up our hearts**

**to worship you in spirit and in truth,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.** **Amen**.

**A hymn is sung**

PP34 – Jesus is Lord

Jesus says,

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A short period of silence for reflection

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,**

**love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Colossians 3 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.[ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 12.13–21 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised
Someone in the crowd said to him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me. But he said to him, Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you? And he said to them, Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for ones life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Then he told them a parable: The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops? Then he said, I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Jubilate – a Song of Joy is said

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

**2 Know that the Lord is God;**

**it is he that has made us and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and bless his name.

**4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting**

**and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen**

**SERMON – Rev Ian**

We affirm our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**A hymn is sung**

PP23 – Go tell it on the Mountain

**PRAYERS**

The intercessions below may be used with appropriate insertions

Let us pray.

For the peace that comes from God alone,

for the unity of all peoples,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, for our Bishops, priests, deacons

and for the whole people of God,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, [for …,]

for Charles our King and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Parish of Renhold and its community), [for …,]

for our neighbours and our friends,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us,

and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed,

for the unemployed and the destitute,

for prisoners and captives,

and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm,

for the widowed and orphans,

for the sick and suffering,

[for …] and for all in any need,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying, for those who mourn [the death of … ],

for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,

as we look forward to the day when we share

the fullness of the resurrection,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Albans and all the saints, let us commend ourselves,

and one another, and all our life, to God. **Amen**

**COLLECT**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**LORDS PRAYER**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen**.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Christ is our peace; He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name, and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

**The offertory hymn is sung**

PP59 – To God be the glory

**CONCLUSION**

Let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**

**here and everywhere,**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen**.

May the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among **us** and remain with **us** always. **Amen**.

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