**Online Service – Easter 2**

**Sunday 3rd May 2020**

**1st Hymn – Oh Jesus I Have Promised *by Derek and Sue***

***Verse 1***

O Jesus I have promised

To serve Thee to the end

Be Thou forever near me

My Master and my friend

I shall not fear the battle

If Thou art by my side

Nor wander from the pathway

If Thou wilt be my Guide

**Verse 3**

O let me hear Thee speaking

In accents clear and still

Above the storms of passion

The murmurs of self will

O speak to reassure me

To hasten or control

O speak and make me listen

Thou guardian of my soul

**Verse 5**

O let me see Thy footmarks

And in them plant mine own

My hope to follow duly

Is in thy strength alone

O guide me call me draw me

Uphold me to the end

And then in heaven receive me

My Saviour and my friend

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**Welcome / Notices / Opening Prayer**

***The Gathering***

***Minister*** We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise God’s presence with us now.

 *Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

***All*** **As God’s people we have gathered;**

**Let us worship God now together,**

**Across the miles yet joined**

***Minister*** Let us pray.

***All*** **Come, Holy Spirit,**

**fill the hearts of your faithful people,**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**Amen.**

***1st Bible Reading for the Day – Ezekiel 34 v1-16 Read by John Williams***

***Minister*** Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

With all your soul, with all your mind,

And with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen, Lord have mercy**

***Minister*** In the light of Jesus, let us examine ourselves

and confess our sins.

*Keep a short silence, leave your sins at the cross*

***Confession:***

***All*** **Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**We turn to you again, have mercy on us,**

**bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***Absolution:***

***Minister*** May the Father forgive us by the death of the Son,

and strengthen us to live in the power of The Spirit

all our days. **Amen.**

***2nd Bible Reading for the Day – John 10 v1-10 Read by Vicky Semark***

**2nd Hymn – Abide with me (Eventide) - Led by Derek and Sue**

**Verse 1**

Abide with me fast falls the eventide

The darkness deepens Lord with me abide

When other helpers fail and comforts flee

Help of the helpless O abide with me

**Verse 3**

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour

What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r

Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be

Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

**Verse 4**

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness

Where is death's sting where grave thy victory

I triumph still if Thou abide with me

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**Theme Introduction –** What is your favourite game?

*You will find today’s sermon on our YouTube channel ‘St Margaret of Antioch Barming’*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Minister** We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**All** Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,

but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,

he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself

and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high,

and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen. *cf Philippians 2.6-11*

**Prayers of Intercession** – Led by Val Eeles

**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.**

**Share from the Chair – CMS Update Joe and Sarah**

**3rd Hymn – The Lord’s my Shepherd – Led by Derek and Sue**

**Verse 1**

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green He leadeth me

The quiet waters by

**Verse 2**

My soul He doth restore again

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness

E'en for His own name's sake

**Verse 5**

Goodness and mercy all my life

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Shall surely follow me

And in God's house for evermore

My dwelling place shall be

*Silence is kept*

**All Faithful God, may we who have shared in this time of worship**

**Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Our salvation and hope, Who reigns as Lord now and forever.**

**Fill us, Good Lord with your Spirit of love;**

**And as you have fed us with your presence,**

**so make us one in heart and mind,**

**In Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***Blessing***

**Minister** May the peace of God

Which passes all understanding,

Keep our hearts and minds

In the knowledge and love of God,

And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

And may the blessing of God Almighty

The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit

Be amongst us, and those we love, now and forever

**Amen**

**Minister** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All** **In the name of Christ Amen**

If you want to live out your faith in your isolation,

why not telephone someone, to let them know that they are not alone.

If you are lonely, or are in need please telephone Rev Wil North on 01622 726 263

“For God has said, ‘I will not leave you or forsake you’ so we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear’.” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not be dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:8)