

orning Worship for Sunday August 30th

The 12th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

Welcome to the Hook Norton Benefice Morning Worship for Sunday August 30th. Our readings are taken from Psalm 105, Romans 12 verses 9 to 21 and Matthew 16 verses 21 to 28 and the sermon is given by the Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. Thanks to Simon and Jennie for our music, John and Rita for reading, and Janet Collins for our prayers. The PowerPoint slides were prepared by Kevin Hope.

Let's just take a few moments to prepare ourselves for worship...

Call to Worship

Keith: Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote:

“Six days a week we wrestle with the world, wringing profit from the earth; but on the Sabbath we care for the seed of eternity planted in the soul.”

Heavenly Father free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Keith: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Keith: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Psalm 105 verses 1 to 4

Keith: The Lord is with us.

All: Let us praise his name together. Amen.

Hymn – JESUS IS LORD! Creation's voice proclaims it,

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For by His power each tree and flower

Was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom
Thus setting us free.
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes
Shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power
That Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!

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Our Confession

Keith: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

A moment of silence and stillness to reflect on the past week...

We confess our sins together saying

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse our hearts, by the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully love you, and praise your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Keith: May the God of love and power, forgive us and free us from our sin, heal and strengthen us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Epistle – read by Rita Wheatley

Love in Action

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:9-21

Rita: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song - JESUS, BE THE CENTRE

JESUS, BE THE CENTRE,
Be my source, be my light,
Jesus.
Jesus, be the centre,
Be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
Be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
Be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.

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Be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
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The Gospel Reading – read by John Wheatley

Jesus Predicts His Death

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall never happen to you!’ Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come

in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Matthew 16:21-28

John: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A reflection from Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Our prayers led by Janet Collins

... at the end we say together

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*We join together in **The Collect** followed by **The Lord's Prayer***

All: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All: 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.

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Keith: Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Keith: Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Keith: Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Keith: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn - O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder

O LORD MY GOD! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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Dismissal

*Keith: May the cross of Christ be with us, before us.
May the cross of Christ be above us, behind us.*

*With the cross of Christ, may we meet every difficulty in the heights and
in the depths.*

*From the tops of our heads, to the nails on our feet
We trust in the protection of your cross, O Christ.*

Amen.

*Adapted from and attributed to Mugron, Abbot of Iona from 965
Taken from Celtic Daily Light (compiled by Ray Simpson)*

The Blessing

*Keith: And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.*

Amen.

Keith: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.