

¶Morning Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

***This prayer of thanksgiving is said***

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**Guide me, O Thou Great redeemer**



- 1     Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
         pilgrim through this barren land;  
         I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
         hold me with thy powerful hand:  
         bread of heaven,  
         feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*Arglywydd arwain drwy'r anialwch*  
*William Williams (1717-1791), tr Peter Williams (1727-1796)*

## The Word of God

### Psalm 145: 8-9; 15-end

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦  
long-suffering and of great goodness.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is loving to everyone ♦  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

<sup>16</sup> The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>17</sup> You open wide your hand ♦  
and fill all things living with plenty.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦  
and loving in all his works.

<sup>19</sup> The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

<sup>20</sup> He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦  
he hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>21</sup> The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

<sup>22</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**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.**

## Old and New Testament Readings

### Isaiah 55.1-5 - An Invitation to Abundant Life

55Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

### Roman 9.1-5 - God's Election of Israel

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

### Hymn

#### Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels



- 1 Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels,  
ruler of all, and author of creation,  
grant us in mercy grace to win by patience  
joys everlasting.
- 2 Send thine archangel Michael from thy presence:  
peacemaker blesseèd, may he hover o'er us,  
hallow our dwellings, that for us thy children  
all things may prosper.
- 3 Send thine archangel, Gabriel the mighty:  
on strong wings flying, may he come from heaven,  
drive from thy temple Satan the old foeman.  
succour our weakness.
- 4 Send thine archangel, Raphael the healer:  
through him with wholesome medicines of salvation  
heal our backsliding, and in paths of goodness  
guide our steps daily.
- 5 Father almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Godhead eternal, grant us our petition;  
thine be the glory through the whole creation  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Christe, sanctorum decus angelorum*

Attributed to Rabanus Maurus (c.776-856) translated by Charles S Phillips (1883-1949)

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## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

### **Matthew 14.13-21 - Feeding the Five Thousand**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

## Hymn

### Sometimes a light surprises



- 1 Sometimes a light surprises  
the Christian while he sings;  
it is the Lord who rises  
with healing in his wings:  
when comforts are declining,  
he grants the soul again  
a season of clear shining,  
to cheer it after rain.
- 2 In holy contemplation,  
we sweetly then pursue  
the theme of God's salvation,  
and find it ever new.  
Set free from present sorrow,  
we cheerfully can say,  
'E'en let the unknown morrow  
bring with it what it may':
- 3 It can bring with it nothing  
but he will bear us through;  
who gives the lilies clothing  
will clothe his people too:  
beneath the spreading heavens  
no creature but is fed;  
and he who feeds the ravens  
will give his children bread.
- 4 Though vine nor fig-tree neither  
their wonted fruit should bear,  
though all the field should wither,  
nor flocks nor herds be there,  
yet, God the same abiding,  
his praise shall tune my voice;  
for, while in him confiding,  
I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

## Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Intercessions



*Intercessions are offered*

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life

- ¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ¶ Prisoners and captives

*These responses may be used*

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

(or)

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## The Conclusion

### Hymn

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness**



- 1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens

knows and names them as they shine!

- 2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know;  
those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and power laid low.
- 3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.
- 4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
peace and plenty crown your days;  
love his laws, declare his judgments,  
walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children:  
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) from Psalm 147*

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The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*,  
the Lord make his face shine upon *you*  
and be gracious to *you*,  
the Lord look kindly on *you*  
and give *you* peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

**Amen.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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