

St Simon and St Jude,
Earl Shilton
and St Mary's, Elmesthorpe
Memorial Service
2020



'He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.' Psalm 107 v 35

WELCOME

BIBLE VERSE

'Jesus said 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted'
Matthew 5 v 4

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
Who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father,
and who offers us the friendship of God.
Grace and mercy be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN – Love Divine, all loves excelling

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

'For I am convinced that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord' *Romans 8 v 38-39*

As we start our service we remember that God has not called us to feel guilty, fearful or anxious. He has not called us to continue feeling the weight of regrets clinging to us. As we acknowledge our frailty before God we can receive His forgiveness and the promise of His renewing power in our lives.

**Before God, with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.
May we grow in our love
for you and each other
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and forgive your sins
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen

THE COLLECT

Father in heaven,
we thank you because you made us in your own image
and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.
We thank you now for all our loved ones
and what they mean to each of us.
As we honour their memory,
make us more aware that you are the one
from whom comes every perfect gift,
including the gift of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BIBLE READING – from Psalm 107

ADDRESS – Revd Caroline Burnett

HYMN – The Lord's my Shepherd

PRAYERS

Father, fill this place, with your love, with your grace,
As we call on your name,
visit us in power again.

Spirit come with your peace, heal our wounds bring release,
Lord we long for your touch,
fill our hearts with your love.

Lord God, we worship you,
Lord, we worship you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

There is an opportunity now, while some music plays, to light one or more candles in memory of those loved ones who have died.
You may like to say the names of your loved ones out loud as you light the candle.

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
we thank you that all who have died in the peace of Christ
will know the joys of your kingdom,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting. **Alleluia. Amen.**

Gracious God, whose ways are not our ways
and whose thoughts are not our thoughts,
grant that your Spirit may intercede for us
with sighs too deep for words.
Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow.
through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness,
assure us again that ear has not heard,
nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned,
what you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN - Lord of all hopefulness

THE PEACE

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives give I unto you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

BLESSING

May God the Father, who gives meaning and purpose,
Jesus Christ, who gives life and hope, and;
the Holy Spirit, who brings comfort and strength,
touch and bless your lives today
and for evermore. **Amen.**