

18th July 2021



10.30am Morning Worship

7th Sunday after Trinity



Prepared for what's coming?

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

Philip Robertson & Pradip Sudra

Please speak aloud words in **bold text**.
Singing – in our hearts, but not aloud.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “Don’t worry... ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” *Matthew 6:31-34*

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

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.

1ST SONG – LORD FOR THE YEARS

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive your people’s praise.

Lord, for our land
in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when
we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves;
in living power remake us
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THE CHURCH IS FACING AT THE MOMENT?

CONFESSION

Jesus said, "Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!" *Matthew 6:22-23*

Let us examine ourselves and pray to Father God, confessing the darkness in our hearts, and our need for the light of Christ to bring new life.

Father, forgive us for the narrowness of our faith and the limits we place on our worship and service.

Forgive us for seeking to keep our personal faith in Christ as something that is simply our private possession, which is not to be shared.

Forgive us that we listen with joy to your word of love and forgiveness, but we close our ears to your command to go and tell.

Forgive us for trying to live out our faith in secret

and for being a hidden silent disciple for Christ, quietly ignoring the lips you require us to use for your glory.

Forgive us when we see others afraid, lonely, defeated and broken and we keep the message of your love to ourselves.

Forgive us when we know you have commissioned and still send us with the word of your mercy and hope for the world, and yet we walk past the lost and the hurting as if we had nothing to give.

Forgive our timidity, our fear and our indifference and fill us with the light of Christ by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may have the courage and love to name his name.

We ask this in the name of Christ, the Saviour of the whole world. Amen.

David Clowes

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

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.

2ND SONG – TAKE MY LIFE

Frances Ridley Havergal

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them be
At the impulse of thy love,
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

BIBLE READING *Read by Janet Williams*

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

¹ Ship your grain across the sea;
after many days you may receive
a return.

² Invest in seven ventures, yes, in
eight;
you do not know what disaster
may come upon the land.

³ If clouds are full of water,
they pour rain on the earth.
Whether a tree falls to the south or
to the north,
in the place where it falls, there it
will lie.

⁴ Whoever watches the wind will not
plant;
whoever looks at the clouds will
not reap.

⁵ As you do not know the path of the
wind,
or how the body is formed in a
mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work
of God,
the Maker of all things.

⁶ Sow your seed in the morning,
and at evening let your hands not
be idle,
for you do not know which will
succeed,
whether this or that,
or whether both will do equally
well.

⁷ Light is sweet,
and it pleases the eyes to see the
sun.

⁸ However many years anyone may
live,
let them enjoy them all.
But let them remember the days of
darkness,
for there will be many.
Everything to come is meaningless.

PREPARED FOR WHAT'S COMING? *Pradip Sudra*

3RD SONG – MAY THE PEOPLE'S PRAISE YOU

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Zimmer, Townend, and Cash

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life.

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims.

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was
slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name.

APOSTLES' 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
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from
the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*(*that is, the true Christian church of
all times and all places)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Michael Perediuha*

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*We will move outside to sing our final
song. Please stand six feet from
people not in your 'bubble.' **If you do
not want to appear on the video
filmed outside, please stand to the
St Jude's Road side of the gathering.
Remember to take your service sheet
with you for it has the words of the
song "Shine Jesus, Shine."***

4TH SONG – THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day,
This is the day when he rose again,
When he rose again.

We will rejoice,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day when he rose again,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
This is the day,
This is the day when he rose again.

This is the day,
This is the day when the Spirit came,
When the Spirit came.

We will rejoice,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day when the Sprit came,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
This is the day,
This is the day when the Spirit came.

This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, and be glad in it,
This is the day,
This is the day that the Lord has made.

BLESSING

Ever living God,
we entrust the past to your mercy,
the present to your love,
and the future to your care;
and may your blessing be upon us
today and for ever.

Amen.

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CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES AFTER 19TH JULY

To discover what will be happening
please refer to the News Sheet's
report on last Monday's PCC meeting.

Prayer Topics & News for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Brian on 01902 788017. He will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

Jesus said, "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ... Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and Father will give you everything you need."

Matthew 6:27 & 33

For the World and our Nation and our City

- **Racial abuse** – we give thanks for the way the England football team lifted the spirit of the country but we need to pray for them because of the hurtful racial abuse directed at their players. We need to stand and pray against any form of racial abuse or discrimination in our society.
- **For children and young people** finishing school and further education after a difficult and disruptive year. We pray that their work will be assessed with fairness to achieve the grades to move forward and pray protection over them during the summer break.

For St Jude's Church

- Reflect on Ecclesiastes 11:1-8. Looking at vs.1-6. What common threads of thought can you pick out? What attitudes does the Teacher encourage and what does he warn against? Why do you think the Teacher describes God the way he does on v.5? Looking at vs.7-8. What shows the Teacher is not a pessimistic miser? Considering the whole passage: What attitude to life does the Teacher seek to promote? In what ways do you try to control the outcome of your life? Are there particular decisions which you are weighing up at the moment? How could the wise insights of the Teacher in this passage guide you into making a good decision? Look at Matthew 6:25-34. What priority does Jesus unequivocally promote when it comes to our decision making and preparations for the future? In what ways will it shape every decision you make on how you spend your money, the career you pick, the person you marry, the house you buy, the clothes you wear, the food you eat, the exercise you take, the hobbies you have, the music you listen to, the TV you watch (and any others of concern to you at the moment)?
- Pray for those you know to be suffering in body or Spirit, and pray for wisdom to know how to best help them.
- Pray all continues to go well with the electrical work in church, it is almost complete.

For our Mission Partners – PCF Romania Project (Word made Flesh)

Reasons to praise God:

- We are grateful to God for the good relations between the workers
- Newly enrolled children who have integrated very well into the program
- For the blessed time at summer camp in the mountains, 27 children participated and we hope that we managed to create beautiful memories for them.
- For our colleague Anca's baptism
- Prayer requests:
- We need a person to cook for us at the centre.
- We continue to pray that all children in the program will experience God and know His love.

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Our building is open for Worship (recordings online through YouTube / Facebook Group / Website)

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