

Morning Service – Sunday 15th August 2021

St Michael's Blundellsands

Read through the service and click on the links for the hymns and talk.

Hymn: God is working his purpose out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liuxet4pJ-c>

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Welcome and Notices

Responses

O Lord open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

And sustain us with your life-giving spirit.

Confession: Isaiah 53v1-6

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

**He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.**

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

**But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,**

**each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Absolution

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.**

Reading: John 5v1-15

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Talk by Neil

<https://youtu.be/7pWWKd3VW-w>

Hymn: Praise my Soul the king of Heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c>

Prayers

A prayer for each one of us.

Lord Jesus

Give me your eyes to see

Your heart to feel

Your hands to touch

That like you I might

See the people at the back of the queue

And help the helpless

In this needy world

Amen.

A prayer for those in positions of authority.

We remember before you those who exercise authority amongst us and influence public opinion in Church and State, in industry and commerce; all who speak to the nation through broadcasting and the press; and all who have power over the lives of others.

Grant them humility to seek your guidance and the courage to do your will.

May they use their influence not for themselves but for the good of those they serve

Amen.

We say together the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHSk>

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,

to find in him a sure ground for faith,

a firm support for hope,

and the assurance of sins forgiven,

and the blessing of God Almighty the Father the son and the Holy spirit be with you

this day and evermore **Amen.**