

Morning Praise



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Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome you to St. Mary Magdalene for this service of Morning Praise.

We are doing our best to ensure that the building and those who use it are Covid safe and so we would be most grateful if you would:

- ◆ Observe social distancing guidelines at all times whilst you are with us;
- ◆ Use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the building;
- ◆ Complete the form with your contact details should a case of Covid19 be identified by NHS Track & Trace;
- ◆ Sit and reflect during the hymns (humming along or singing quietly to yourself is absolutely fine!) rather than standing to sing;
- ◆ follow any requests made by the stewards when it comes to leaving the building at the end of the service.
- ◆ If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the life and ministry of this church, there is a collection plate at the back the nave. If you don't already give by direct debit, we would be most grateful if you would consider this option.
- ◆ If you have an queries or concerns please don't hesitate to ask.

Peace be with you x

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

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The Blessing



Go in the name of Jesus,
to follow the way of Jesus,
to love with the love of Jesus,
and to be sustained by the peace of Jesus.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**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.**

Hymn

Please sit and reflect as the hymn plays.

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

Welcome & Opening Prayer



Way beyond all journeying,
Truth behind all mystery,
Life within all living.

We praise you.

Salve for every soreness,
Mender of every brokenness,
Midwife of a better future.

We praise you.

Ground of all being,
judge of all nations,
Conscience of the universe,

We praise you.

Maker, Redeemer,
confessor, companion,
Befriender, inspirer,
God beyond all names.

We praise you.

Hymn

Please sit and reflect as the hymn plays.

*Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul, worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.



You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind,
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Saying Sorry to God

As we move into a time of confession,
we take a few moments of quiet to bring to mind
those things which we may have said or done
which have separated us from God and God's love.



Silence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

We say together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**



Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving Led by Lydia Radigan.



The prayers may close with:

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**



Reflection
Jess Harper

Affirmation of Faith



Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn
As we prepare to pray:



Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution:
Almighty God,
Who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy upon you,
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
And keep you in life eternal;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Gloria
Gloria (Glory to God): Simply Taize.



The Collect Prayer for Today
Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Hearing and Responding to the Word of God.



A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.