

Worship Together – Morning Praise
Sunday 7th August 2022
(8th Sunday after Trinity)



Opening Prayer

This is the place and this is the time; here and now God waits to break into our experience: here and now,

All let us praise him!

God waits to change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways: here and now,

All let us praise him!

God waits to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light: here and now,

All let us praise him!

God waits to fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future: here and now,

All let us praise him!

This is the place as are all places;

All This is the time as are all times:

Lord, today we want to hear the music of heaven – to find new impulses of love, new outlets for our charity, a new warmth in our hearts and a new sense of your presence. Lord, speak to us, come to us as we worship. Make us sensitive to your call and open to your word. Make us extravagant in our love and worthy in our praise. Lord, show your glory in the heavens and your majesty upon earth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Sing Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ the head and corner-stone
Chosen of the Lord and precious
Binding all the Church in one
Holy Zion's help for ever
And her confidence alone

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call Thee
Come O Lord of Hosts today
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray

And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign

Laud and honour to the Father
Laud and honour to the Son
Laud and honour to the Spirit
Ever Three and ever One
consubstantial, co-eternal
While unending ages run

John Mason Neale

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Confession

O God, our Father in heaven, we confess to you our failure to live as children of your
trace and heirs of your promises:

When we make this world's goods our treasure, and are mindless of your kingdom
and your reward: in your mercy,

All Father, forgive us and help us.

When we forget that here we have no enduring city, and fail to look for the city
which is to come: in your mercy,

All Father, forgive us and help us.

When we measure worth by the standards of this passing age and reject your eternal
truth: in your mercy,

All Father, forgive us and help us.

When we lose the vision of Christ and no longer run to win the prize of your call to
heaven: in your mercy,

All Father, forgive us and help us.

**Father, you have raised us together with Christ:
set our hearts and minds on things above,
where he is seated in glory
at your right hand for evermore. Amen.**

Absolution

The Lord, who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and full of love; who will not
accuse us forever, nor be angry with us always; who does not treat us as we deserve
or repay us according to our wrongdoing: have compassion on you, as a father has
compassion on his children, and forgive you your sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Praise

The Lord is my strength and my song:
All He has become my salvation.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things:
All let it be known through all the world.

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
**All as it was in the beginning, is now
And shall be forever, world without end. Amen.**

Sing The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

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Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Bible reading

Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" and Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sing Be Thou my vision

O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
In the day and the night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
And I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Be Thou my breastplate
My sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour
And be Thou my might
Be my soul's shelter,
And Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenwards
O power of my power

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise

Thou my inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
The first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

O High King of heaven
When battle is done
Grant heaven's joy to me
Bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
Thou ruler of all

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Bible reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Message

Sing In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Creed

Let us affirm the faith to which we hold:

- All We believe and trust in God the Father who loved us, and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope.**
We believe and trust in God the Son who encourages our hearts and strengthens us in every good deed and word; whose grace shall be with us all
We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, the Lord of peace who gives us peace at all times and in every way.
We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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 forever. Amen**

Sing Guide me O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

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 songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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Conclusion

God be your comfort, your strength; God be your hope and support; God be your light and your way; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life– remain with you now and forever.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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