

**Worship Together – Morning Praise
Sunday 13th October 2024
(20th Sunday after Trinity)**



Greeting

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

Approach

Heavenly Father, from our hearts we thank you for the light of this new day. May we so spend its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that when evening comes we may again give you thanks. Guide and help us in every part of our life: Our tongues, that we speak no false or angry words: **Lord, keep us from wrong-speaking.** Our actions, that we may do nothing to shame ourselves or hurt others: **Lord, keep us from wrong-doing.** Our minds, that we may think no evil or bitter thoughts: **Lord, keep us from wrong-thinking.** Our hearts, that they may be set only on pleasing you: **Lord, keep us in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;

brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia.

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.
Alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia.

So shall God's will on earth be done,

new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Alleluia.

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Confession

Let us confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness. Almighty God, we confess that too often we have taken the easy way of the world, rather than your way, and so have grieved your heart of love. For our lack of self-discipline that so often chooses what we wish rather than what we ought to do, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.** For our half-hearted obedience to your truth and to your way of life for your disciples, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.** For our failure to serve others, and for our neglect of those who are defeated by their poverty, their loneliness or their lack of opportunity, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.** For our sin and foolishness which has made it easier for others to neglect your truth and to doubt your everlasting love, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us. Raise us by the power of your love, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace, through Jesus your redeemer. **Amen.**

Song I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,

pouring out the oil of love as my worship to you.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of your name for the things you have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

You deserve my every breath for you've paid the great cost;
giving up your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
Opened up the gates of heaven, and have beckoned me in.

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Song My Jesus, my Saviour,

Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song Hear the call of the kingdom,

lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom,
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion

In the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
And a hope yet to come:

Let the nations put their trust in Him.

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Bible reading

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn Just as I am, without one plea

but that thy Blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:

because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy Love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God. I come.

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Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of intercession The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Hymn Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

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Conclusion

God our Father, we dedicate ourselves to serve you faithfully and to follow Christ: send us out to work and to witness freely, gratefully and hopefully, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and for the honour and glory of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sovereign Lord anoint you with his blessing: preach the good news to the poor, go and bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release for those who are in darkness, declare the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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