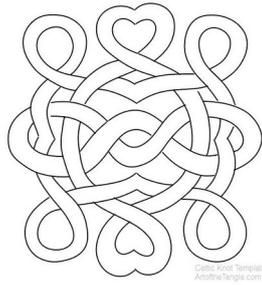


Sunday Morning Praise 6th September 2020



Vestry Prayer

We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this gives us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world, to pray that through our words and lives others might be drawn into your family and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **and also with you.**

Welcome (*please put your contribution towards the life and work of the church on the plate at the back, as there is no collection in this service, thank you.*)

Opening responses ***we sit***

For everything there is a season:

And a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

from Ecclesiastes 3

God has made everything suitable for its time.

God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Whatever God does endures forever.

Confession

we sit or kneel

For the Truth that speaks to hearts **Lord, show us your mercy.**
For grace beyond imagining **Lord, show us your mercy.**
For forgiveness from our sin **Lord, show us your mercy.**

Lord you call us to be different as we journey through this day,
To be a guide to those who wander, to offer help, seek for the lost
Forgive us when we fail to become the people we should be.

Lord you call us to be different in the ebb and flow of life, to see the
good in all your children, demonstrate your love and grace.

Forgive us when we fail to become the people we should be.
**Equip and strengthen your people for the task that within our daily
journeying we might bless the loves we meet. Amen.**

God’s Promise of Forgiveness

**God forgives you, and all, now we are to forgive others, and to forgive
ourselves. We choose to live in peace. Amen.**

The Collect of the day

Psalm 149 *we stand*

Refrain: **Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.**

1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ♦
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; ♦
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people ♦
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ♦
let them rejoice in their ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their mouths ♦
and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To execute vengeance on the nations ♦
and punishment on the peoples;

- 8 To bind their kings in chains ♦
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the judgement decreed; ♦
such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.
Refrain: **Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.**

Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reading/s

We sit

At the end: This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection

We sit

The Creed

We stand

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanksgiving

For this day of possibilities; the roads that we have walked,
Glances and greetings exchanged, conversations and silences,
Decisions made or deferred, successes and failures,
Prayers whispered or left unsaid, blessings given or received;
For this day of possibilities and the one that is to come
We give to you our thanks.

Prayers:

We sit or kneel *These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end we conclude with 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.

Responses

We stand

Send us out into the world, Lord to speak your words of truth
Send us out into the world, Lord to proclaim your love and grace
Send us out into the world, Lord to bring comfort to the weak
Send us out into the world, Lord to be your hands and feet

**We shall not fear this day for you are with us
Wherever we might go, your light to shine ahead,
Your footsteps to lead the way. We shall not fear this day for your
word will be our guide, Your strength sustain us, your love revive us
this day and all days.**

**We shall not fear this day for you are with us wherever we might go.
So may the God we follow be the voice that calls us, the feet that
guide us, the love that inspires us, the strength that sustains us and
the embrace that welcomes us home.**

May God bless us in our sleep with rest, in our dreams with vision, in our waking with a calm mind in our souls with the friendship of the Holy Spirit, this day, this night and always. Amen.

Dismissal

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

Final Vestry Prayer

*The Lord be with you
May the souls of the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace
Let us bless the Lord*

***And also with you
And rise in glory
Thanks be to God.***

Material taken for this service from:

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