

Morning Prayer for Sunday 7th July 2024 on Zoom™

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ

All: let heaven and earth rejoice, Alleluia

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand".
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Silence is kept.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All: and in our song we will praise our God.
Amen.**

The Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead;**

**on the third day He rose again;
he ascended into heaven;
he is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

Psalm

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

Bible Reading

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

All: And Christ shall give you light

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God

All: Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the dead

Set your mind on things that are above
not on things that are on the earth

All: And Christ shall give you light

When Christ our life appears, you will appear with him in glory

**All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light**

The Benedictus

- 1 **Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 **Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4 **To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 **This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,**
- 6 **Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7 **And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8 **To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9 **In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
- 10 **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers

Collect

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Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus Christ
to hear us when we pray in faith.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Strengthen Sarah our bishop Emma and all your Church in the service of Christ,
that those who confess your name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless and guide Charles our King; give wisdom to all in authority;
and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace;
that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.
We pray for all MPs elected to the new Parliament and the newly elected Government.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours,
that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles;
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ;
according to your promises,
grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Saint Dunstan and of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence.

**All: Merciful, father,
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 for ever.
Amen**

Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading Sunday 7th July 2024

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Reading Sunday 7th July 2024

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.