

WORSHIP - 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 11 JULY 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am, and Evensong in St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Peter is leading the Zoom service.

Hymn - Eternal Father, strong to save - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79oJWx3lxIU>

Today is Sea Sunday, so here are some Orkney images



MV Alfred at St Margaret's Hope, and the village itself

Below, left
The herring fleet on Burray, early C20



Stromness, left and above, is a small harbour with the ferry from Scrabster. Trans-Atlantic voyages would stop here for water. Many of the men of the Hudson's Bay Company were Orcadians.



Kirkwall is the major port. Used to be a cruise line destination (but not since Covid - which has had huge economic ramifications). A lot of involvement in the energy industry, here hydrogen is transported from the outer islands to power ferries and lorries on the mainland. The Northern Islands ferries go from here - like catching a bus!

Three more photos to enjoy (over the page)





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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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. 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.

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.**

The Collect

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.

New Testament lesson - Ephesians 1.3-14 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGsvbqErM2A>

Gospel - Mark 6.14-29 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *a sermon from Peter is on the website*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – Never weather-beaten sail

Words: Thomas Campion Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

sung by the choir of Exeter College, Oxford - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0b-FzkS8b8>

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafe not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Prayers of Intercession

On this Sea Sunday, let's think about "those who go down to the sea in ships." We are still a maritime nation, and in our island communities we pray for those who run the ferries, those who rely on them. For the economics of island life, how we pay for expensive services. For those who feel themselves trapped because of the cost of travel, the collapse of tourism, the need to leave their homes to find jobs. For those who are separated by the sea. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the maritime community across this world. We may be a long way from the sea, but the life of Felixstowe, Thames Haven, Southampton – many ports – that life affects us all. For those who spend their lives at sea, only in dock for a few hours while containers are unloaded and loaded. For those who are trapped by economics or the power of others. For those who ply their business in the dangerous shipping lanes of this world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for international trade. For the re-negotiating of treaties after Brexit, for the political fall-out of rushed decisions, for the situation in Northern Ireland. For those whose lives are bound up with agriculture, industry, trade. For those who have seen export businesses collapse, and for those who can see new opportunities. For people who are caught in the middle, waiting for papers, stuck on a quayside, waiting in a queue for passport control. For those who have to implement the systems, and face the anger. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our politicians. For wisdom, leadership, morality. For those who are called to speak truth to

power, and all of us as we pray for those we elected. For the difficult decisions to be made about Covid, for politicians – and for their advisers. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we ask that the beauty and balance of the world be restored. All our trade, all our transport, all our economics, everything affects the creation you made. Again we pray for wisdom, for understanding, and for vision. As we prepare for the Climate Change Conference, may we play our part – in prayer and action – to make a better world for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for all who are sick at this time, in body mind and spirit. Strengthen them and keep them safe. We pray for all those who are in hospital, in nursing homes, in hospices, and those who are housebound. We pray for anyone known personally to us and ask for your healing hand upon them. We pray for our medical staff, especially those who are frightened as to how the next few weeks will unfold. We remember, too, those who have died, and pray for them, their families and friends. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we ask that the beauty and balance of the world be restored. All our trade, all our transport, all our economics, everything affects the creation you made. Again we pray for wisdom, for understanding, and for vision. As we prepare for the Climate Change Conference, may we play our part – in prayer and action – to make a better world for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for all who are sick at this time, in body mind and spirit. Strengthen them and keep them safe. We pray for all those who are in hospital, in nursing homes, in hospices, and those who are housebound. We pray for anyone known personally to us and ask for your healing hand upon them. We pray for our medical staff, especially those who are frightened as to how the next few weeks will unfold. We remember, too, those who have died, and pray for them, their families and friends. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. For our role across this world, with the poor, the refugee, the traveller, the rich and the powerful. For our role in these parishes – for Warren and Hazel who were married on Wednesday, for Graham and Hannah married yesterday – for Mark and Camille whose wedding is being blessed this afternoon. Mark and Camille live in Hong Kong, her family are in Canada, his here in Allestree, a reminder that we are a global community. We are a global community divided by Covid – so we pray for those who would love to have been here, but are unable to travel. We pray too for tonight's football match – for respect to be shown to the other team, the other nation; we give thanks for the players of our team and their stand for a more just society, and we pray that – whatever the result – it might be a good match. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - God is Love: let heav'n adore him - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyYWW_P9MH4

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

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