

WORSHIP - 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, HARVEST 2

11 OCTOBER 2020



Welcome and notices

For the last few weeks I have been putting a Communion Service on the website - this week I have put on Morning Prayer, similar to the one Julie is using at St Matthew's at 10 am. Please pray for those of us worshipping in one of our churches, as we pray for you. We are celebrating Harvest over two weekends in both churches.

Light a candle and prepare to worship - listen to

For the beauty of the earth, John Rutter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTOfSKXkRa0>

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

God created the world and said it was very good. But now, God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistles and is ready for burning. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

With you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

O continue your righteous dealing to those what are true of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, strength us to work for the healing of his creation, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis - say this, as those of us in church will be saying it

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.**

Bible readings - Isaiah 25.1-9 and Philippians 4.1-9

The text for these are on the blue sheet, which you can download from the front page of the website

Psalm 23 is printed on the blue noticesheet - so that gives you a lot of hymns to choose from. If you want The Lord's my shepherd or The King of love my shepherd is you can find lots of versions on youtube.

I have a soft spot for The God of Love my shepherd is, which is a setting by the poet George Herbert
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4INBgEvqHg>

The God of love my shepherd is,
and he that doth me feed;
while he is mine and I am his,
what can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,
where I both feed and rest;
then to the streams that gently pass:
in both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert,
and bring my mind in frame,
and all this not for my desert,
but for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode
well may I walk, not fear;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
to guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
shall measure all my days;
and, as it never shall remove,
so neither shall my praise.



Address - Julie's harvest sermon is on the website

The Creed

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 at 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.

Hymn - God, whose farm is all creation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkPOBybUfgc>

Prayers of Intercession - Clive has written prayers for St Matthew's and Dot for St Edmund's. Both are on the website - so you can use either, both, or neither! They end with

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.

The Benedicite, Song of Creation - *as we can't sing in church, we're ending the service by saying this together*

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: bless the Lord all you his hosts;

bless the Lord you waters above the heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord sun and moon: bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

bless the Lord all rain and dew: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:

bless the Lord you fire and heat; bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows: bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord frost and cold: bless the Lord you ice and snow;

bless the Lord lightnings and clouds: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord: bless the Lord you mountains and hills;

bless the Lord all that grows in the ground: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you springs: bless the Lord you seas and rivers;

bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all birds of the air: bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;

bless the Lord all people on earth: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord: bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;

bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart; bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The Dismissal

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

Final music - at St Matthew's John will play *Andante Tranquillo* from the *Capriol Suite* by Peter Warlock.

Warlock lived from 1894 to 1930, and the *Capriol Suite* was one of his later works. As you listen to the music, please can you please pray for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which takes place at St Edmund's after the 10 am service.

Here it is played by a German organist, Felix Ketterer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRgL6nbC_dQ

Peter Barham, 8 October 2020