

# **Zoom Church 17th May 2020**

## **Order of Service**

*An Agapé is a way of breaking bread together as Jesus did with people in all sorts of settings. You may like to join in at home with some bread and wine or juice.*

*If you are joining us with children, you might like to have some paper and pens ready for a prayer time activity.*

*A practical note: during longer prayers, hymns, the talk and the intercessions, we will put everyone on 'mute' except the person leading so that we do not hear any background noise.*

*If you want to put yourself back on mute, please do so!*

### **Notices for Sunday 17th May**

Don't forget you can join:

a service of said Evening Prayer (BCP) this evening from 6.25pm.

a service for Ascension Day on Thursday at 7.30pm.

The Bible Course every Monday and Friday at 3pm

Morning Prayer at 8.30am every weekday

*ask for Zoom links if you don't have them.*

If you are able to volunteer to help shop for people, do washing for the rehoused homeless, make phone calls or offer other practical help, please let us know.

Next week our theme will be Prayer, joining with Thy Kingdom Come, the Church of England's 10 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

## We begin with a Prayer of Gathering

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

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your Love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**

*Silence is kept*

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Hymn

**Let us build a house where love can dwell**  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*Marty Haugen*

## The Confession

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

**May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy  
to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal 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**

## A Reading from John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask  
the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you  
for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because  
it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he  
abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Hymn

*Chorus:*

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.      *Chorus*

You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.      *Chorus*

True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.  
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Words & Music: Anon / Aniceto Nazareth,

We listen to a talk by Mr Paul Tomkins

## The Intercessions

The intercessions may end by saying together:

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

We share in what the children have done

## The Peace

Jesus said

‘Peace I leave you; my peace I give you.

I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid’.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

*During this next hymn, you might like to make sure you have your bread and wine close by.*

**Abba, Father, let me be yours and yours alone.**

May my will forever be evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold.

Never let me go.

Abba, Father, let me be yours and yours alone.

*Repeated*

*D Bilborough*

We share together in an Agape meal.  
beginning by giving thanks.

*If you want to hold up your bread and wine as we pray,  
please do so.*

We have bread and wine,  
gifts of this good earth,  
enough for all, if we can share!  
Gracious God we give you thanks  
for all the many blessings in our lives  
and ask that you would bless us now  
as we share your good gifts  
in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

## *Breaking Bread*

Loving God, you provide enough for everyone:  
this earth is fertile, fruitful and abundant,  
but we are sometimes greedy, wasteful and selfish.

Many go hungry despite our plenty,  
many are left outside while we enjoy a feast.

But on the hillside, in the wilderness,  
with five thousand and more hungry people,  
Jesus took the bread that they had,  
broke it and gave thanks to you.

He shared the bread,  
so that no one should be left out,  
and they all ate and were satisfied.

**Blessed be God for ever!**

## *Blessing Wine*

Gracious God, you hurt with our pains,  
you weep with our tears;  
when you see how we struggle and suffer.

You long for our peace, yet we so often make war.  
You long for our healing and wholeness,  
yet we so often turn away from you.

But at a wedding in Cana when the wine ran out,  
Jesus asked them to fill the empty jars with water,  
and by your grace, water became wine,  
sadness was turned to joy,  
and all were able to share in the best wine of all.

**Blessed be God for ever!**

## *Sharing Together*

Healing God,  
you long for us to dream your dream,  
of a world at peace, a people made one,  
a feast for all;  
where bread is broken and shared with companions on the road,  
where wine is blessed  
and shared with all who are hurting,  
and all are caught up together  
in the Kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The bread is shared, using the words:*  
**Bread for the world to share.**

*The wine is shared using the words:*  
**The best wine, saved till now.**

## *A Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Gracious God we thank you,  
for your abundant love in creation,  
your compassionate, healing touch in our hurting,  
your inspiration for our venturing.  
Thank you for bread, and wine to share.  
Give us grace to follow  
in the footsteps of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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

**Father, Lord of all creation,  
Ground of being, life and love;  
Height and depth beyond description,  
Only life in you can prove:  
You are mortal life's dependence:  
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
Yours is every hour's existence,  
Sovereign Lord of time and space.**

Jesus Christ, the man for others,  
We, your people, make our prayer:  
Give us grace to love as brothers  
All whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
Where no selfishness can sever  
There your love may all men see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
Wind and flame of Pentecost,  
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
To regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
Nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known.

*Stewart Cross*

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

In peace we love and serve the Lord in our daily lives  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

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