

Welcome to Zoom Church on 21st June 2020 : Second Sunday after Trinity / Father's Day

Before we begin...

An Agapé meal 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.

Notices for Sunday 21st June

Don't forget you can join:

a service of said Evening Prayer (BCP) this evening at 6.30pm.

Morning Prayer at 8.30am every weekday

A discussion on Black Lives Matter on Monday at 2pm

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

Volunteering

If you are able to volunteer to help shop for people, make phone calls or offer other practical help to those in need, please let us know, and if you would like help, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Finances

If you are able to offer financial help to the churches at this time when our income is limited, but expenses continue, please ask Ruth or the churchwardens for details of how to do so.

Each church is currently running at a deficit of between £100 and £300 PER WEEK.

We are doing all we can to reduce costs, but there is no income from fetes, donations and other activities at present. Your prayerful help is greatly appreciated. A letter with more information will be sent out this week.

Thank you to all those who have already responded to the requests for help, your response is greatly appreciated and really does make a difference.

Black Lives Matter: a conversation with Dr Rowan Williams

This week some of you joined the Zoom conversation we hosted between former Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams and The Reverend Kina Robertshaw, our speaker at Zoom Church last week.

This wonderful conversation will be used as the basis for a discussion about the subject of racial inequality in the Church, on Monday 22nd June at 2pm for those who would like to join.

The actual conversation has not been released publicly yet, but we have permission to use the footage recorded as it is.

Look out for further conversations in the coming weeks with, amongst others, Joel Edwards, former General Director of the Evangelical Alliance.

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

This hymn can be sung as a round, with a second group of singers starting verse one as the first group reaches the Alleluia refrain.

There are no breaks between verses and refrains.

The first group sings an extra refrain at the end.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

Karen Lafferty b1948

The Confession

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'
As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

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

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

We watch a video

A reading from Luke 15: 11-32

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

“A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

“When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’”

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

“But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after

squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We listen to a talk by Bishop Richard Jackson

Hymn

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Havergal 1836-1879

The Intercessions

The intercessions end by saying together:
**Merciful God, Mother and Father of us all,
honour our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
humbly lifted to you in faith.
Amen.**

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

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

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide to the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,
The brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove
Into our hearts, that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
One in the power that makes the children free
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

John Chadwick 1840-1904

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

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.

To a searching world
love from Christ.

To a waiting world
hope from Christ.

The Blessing and dismissal

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