

Welcome to Zoom Church on 28th June 2020 : Third Sunday after Trinity

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 28th 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

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

Next Sunday, 5th July there will be no Zoom Church because Jo Burden will be licensed to our Team as Curate at 4pm. We will circulate the link when we have it so that you can all join in watching and supporting her.

There WILL be, however, a chance to chat to Jo, and welcome her to the Team as we would do when anyone joins us. For those able to, we will host a Zoom coffee (and cake?) morning from 10.30am next Sunday when Jo, and Natalie, will pop into different breakout

rooms as they would join different tables of people at a physical gathering. Jo will be making phone calls to introduce herself to people in the coming weeks.

Volunteering

If you are able to volunteer to steward in Holy Trinity Church (and hopefully the other churches in future) as we open for Private Prayer, please do let us know. Unfortunately we are unable to accept offers from those over 70 and those who are in the vulnerable categories at this time. Thank you if you have offered, but fall into one of these categories.

Finances

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

If you have not already received the finance information letter, and would like to, let Ruth know.

Parish Reps and the Vacancy Process

Your Parish Reps have been working very hard during this time to move the process forward, including beginning to draft the person specification and the Parish Profiles, as well as looking at the direction of travel for the Team.

All information and ideas will be communicated across the Team before any final document or decisions are made, but please bear with us as lockdown means that progress is slower a little slower than anticipated.

I would like to thank all the Parish Reps for their hard work and contributions so far, and for the way they have worked so well together as a group. Please continue to pray for all involved in the process.

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

New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves; a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble 1792-1866

The Confession

Jesus looked out over Jerusalem and wept over it, because it did not recognise the time of God's coming.

We look out over our own cities and countryside today and confess with them our lament at what we feel as God's absence, our blindness to where He is, and our unsureness about the hope He brings:

Video and song by Maggi Dawn

The streets in silence lie, sorrow hangs in the air,
Death's sting is bitter cold, evening falls heavy here.
How long, oh Lord, how long? God, who has never failed,
Your love will hold us fast until the future is revealed.

Dark watches of the night — oh, keep me from despair!
Lonely the watching hours, To you I turn my prayer:
Though you seem far away you never failed us yet;
Your love will hold us fast until we see your face again.

Show me the path of hope, let heaven's mercies fall —
There death will have no sting, and love will conquer all.
Show us the way to life, lead us through these dark days,
Your love will hold us fast until our voices sound your praise.

When we let go of God who gives us life and love.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

When we turn not to Christ but to our own despair.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

When we resist the Spirit who can bring us hope.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

A reading from Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said,

“Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from Matthew 10:40-end

Jesus said to the twelve: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We listen to a talk by The Reverend Ruth Hulse

Hymn

O Thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

*Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
Tune 'Hereford': Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-76*

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.

The Peace

God calls us to peace:
in God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:
in Christ is our peace.

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

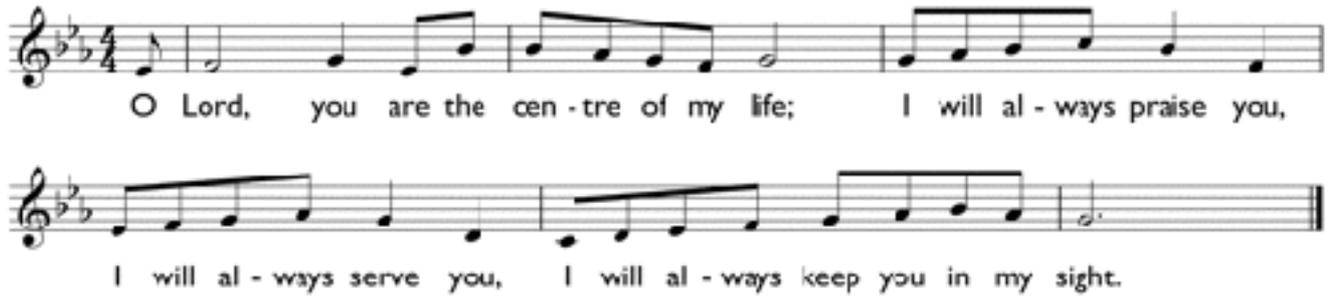
Hymn

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

Centre of my life
(A setting of Psalm 16)

*The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, and then repeated by all;
it is then sung after each verse.*

Refrain:



O Lord, you are the cen - tre of my life; I will al - ways praise you,
I will al - ways serve you, I will al - ways keep you in my sight.

O Lord, you are the centre of my life;
I will always praise you, I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.

Verses:

Keep me safe, O God I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone."

Refrain

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Refrain

So my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Refrain

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Refrain

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

But when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

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

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse us by his holiness
and send us out to proclaim his word.

Amen

The Son, who has ascended to the highest,
our upon us the riches of his grace.

Amen

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip us and strengthen us in our ministry.

Amen

And the blessing...

In peace we love and serve the Lord in our daily lives

In the name of Christ.

Amen.