

# **Welcome to Zoom Church on 12th July 2020 : Fifth 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.*

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

## **Notices for Sunday 12th July**

### **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.*

### **Private Prayer in church:**

All Saints is now open from Tuesday-Friday between 12-2pm for prayer or to 'click and collect' a meal from Bill's Kitchen.

Holy Trinity is open on Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

We are working towards holding our first service in church on 26th July and will have more details in the coming week.

## **Black Lives Matter**

Last week on Zoom Church we continued the conversation about 'Racial Injustice and the Church' with The Reverend Canon Dr Adrian Chatfield. You can find this on the website under 'News and Events', or on the Hereford Diocese Facebook Page.

A chance for a follow-up discussion will be held on Monday 13th July (tomorrow!) at 2pm led by Chris Webb and David Thomson.

The next conversation will take place on Friday 17th July at 7pm between The Reverend Kina Robertshaw and The Reverend 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

**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
You have come to us  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us  
Born as one of us,  
Mary's Son;  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

*Patrick Appleford 1925- 2018*

## **The Confession**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you and others;  
Father forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

**Almighty God**  
**who sent his Son into the world to save us,**  
**bring us his pardon and peace,**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the  
Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## **A reading from Isaiah 55:10-13**

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **We listen to a recording of Psalm 81.1-4**

Sing joyfully unto God our strength.  
Sing loud unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel,  
the pleasant harp and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,  
even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.  
For this is a statute for Israel,  
and a law of the God of Jacob.

## **A reading from Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying:

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**We watch a video of the Parable of the Sower...in Lego**

## **We listen to a talk by Jo Burden, West Hereford Team Curate**

### **Hymn**

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,**  
And publish abroad his wonderful name:  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

### **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

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

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.*

#### **Sing to God new songs of worship**

all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm:  
he has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power,  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness:  
sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters  
sound your praises to the Lord:  
let the hills be joyful together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

**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**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,**  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams 1717-91 Tr Peter Williams 1727-96 and others*

To a troubled world  
**peace from Christ.**

To a searching world  
**love from Christ.**

To a waiting world  
**hope from Christ.**

And the blessing...

**We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory.**