

# Morning Prayer

at home with your  
Parish Church

in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Preparation

*You may wish to mark your time of worship by arranging a table with a cloth, a candle and your Bible, or anything, such as flowers, that makes it a special reflective space.*

*Music: click on the links to hear and join in the music. Click stop at the end of each.*

### **HYMN [All my hope on God is founded](#)**

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he  
guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he  
buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.

3. God's great goodness aye  
endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend  
him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*(words: paraphrased by Robert Bridges alt,  
based on 'Meine Hoffnung stehet feste' by Joachim Neander; music: Herbert  
Howells)*

*At home, we pause to remember those gathered in Church who, in turn remember us.*

*We take this time, united in Christ, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may find new ways to serve God.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*We confess:*

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking and speaking: the hurts I have done to others, and good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise me to newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We keep silence, then pray:*

May almighty God who forgives all who truly repent have mercy upon us, pardon us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT READING - [Colossians 3.1-11](#)

PSALM *If you are able, you might stand to read this psalm aloud.*

Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.[a]

Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;  
he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.  
Let those who are wise give heed to these things,  
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING – [Luke 12:13 - 21](#)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We stand and turn to look in the direction of Church, to emphasise our gathering around a precious, shared story, and respond to our Colossians reading:*

**We declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles,  
this we have received and this we believe. Amen.** (cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

## Prayers

*We pray* THE COLLECT for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven...**

FOR REFLECTION

Jesus tells us to "take care to guard against all greed" and not to take pride in the storing up of our earthly belongings. This warning from Jesus is applicable to us in our world as it was back then. Maybe we ought to self-reflect and ask ourselves firstly, what does greed look like? The bible does help us with this. When we know what greed looks like then we have a compass for ourselves.

The next thing would be to ask ourselves, have I been greedy? And in what areas of my life have I been greedy? It is easy to associate being greedy with food and then follow the thought that just because we do not eat too much, therefore we are fine. But here the passage highlights that it can even be belongings, the things we collect for ourselves that maybe when shared could be of great help to others or bring communities together.

Lastly we can ask God to help us not to take pride in storing up our earthly belongings but heavenly ones and to help us focus on the most important things.

*We turn our reflection into* PRAYERS: allow the Holy Spirit to lead and add to these as you wish

Generous God, your love sets us free and fills us with your grace. Set our hearts at peace that we may trust in your rich bounty. Give us patient and pure hearts, O God.

Generous God, we pray for all troubled by their economic state:  
For farmers anxious about their crop;  
For traders anxious about market fluctuations;  
For those who feel shut out from access to wealth and sufficient for the day...  
In all things teach us to celebrate the gifts of your abundant love.

Generous God, you unite us in a common wealth. We pray for our community, for the Lambeth conference, for the Common Wealth games..... Bind us together to work in unity and expand our charity to reach all your people.

Generous God, your compassion extends throughout creation. Hear our prayer for all in any kind of need..... Sustain them in their troubles and restore in them hope in you.

Generous God, you are the source and goal of life. We lay before your love all who have died .... At the final judgement draw us all to your treasury in heaven.

HYMN [Do not be afraid](#)

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

1. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never sink beneath the waves.

2. When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

4. When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

5. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*(words: Gerard Markland, based on Isaiah 43:1-4; music: Gerard Markland, arr Andrew Moore)*

*Imagining all whom we miss, we pray for each other:*

**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.**

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