

Morning Prayer

at home with your
Parish Church

in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Sunday 24th 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 [Father of heaven, whose love profound](#)

1. Father of heav'n, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pard'ning love extend.

2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend.

3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

4. Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

(words: Edward Cooper; music: John Bacchus Dykes)

At home, we pause to remember those gathered in Church who, in turn remember us. Today we particularly pray for Harrison, Joy and Blessings bringing David for baptism.

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 2:6-15](#)

PSALM 138 *If you are able, you might stand to read this psalm aloud.*

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL READING [Luke 11:1-13](#)

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 sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven...

FOR REFLECTION

First, Jesus gives us a pattern for prayer. Notice what we call "The Lord's Prayer" is in the first person plural. Us, our, we. The prayer assumes life is lived in community. Healthy life is when mutuality flourishes. Our well being is bound up with other people's well being. It is also not only a list of important things. The way forgiveness, sharing of bread, justice and praise interact together is as important as the elements themselves. We notice the prayer begins and ends with praise.

Then, with musicality and memorable repetition, Jesus teaches encouragingly about prayer. Imagining a comical a fraught crisis of embarrassed friendship, he teases us to be honest about how grumpy and difficult we suppose God to be.

Reflect for a while on your image of God as you pray, and how accessible you assume s/he is.

We turn our reflection into PRAYERS:

Begin with praise or thanksgiving of some kind.

Sit with the phrase from the Psalm:

"...he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away."

See who comes to mind with the word "lowly" and pray for them to know God's close, loving attention.

See who comes to mind with the word "haughty" and pray for them, far from God, to find their way closer to him/her.

Stay with the words "temptation" or "time of trial" in Jesus' prayer.
See who comes to mind and pray for them.

End with praise or thanksgiving.

HYMN [Will you come and follow me](#)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

*(words: John L Bell & Graham Maule;
music: Traditional Scottish melody, arr The Iona Community)*

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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