

Hymns, Readings, Collect and Intercessions

Opening Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

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The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19: 2–8a

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.'

The New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1–8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gradual Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast:'
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live:'
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright:'
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

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The Gospel Reading: St Matthew 9: 35–10: 8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Prayers of Intercession:

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Father, we thank you for the gift of this new day and for all the blessing you bestow on us each and every day. We thank you especially for the gift of your Son, in whom we have life, love, and freedom. As your Son called men and women to follow him and to be leaders in your Church, so help us to hear his call upon our lives this day and enable us to respond with generosity of heart and mind. Help us to be better followers in the way that Jesus taught and strengthen the hope and love that we share as your disciples. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for your Church throughout the world and especially for her witness here to the peoples of this Parish. As we prepare to re-open our doors, send your blessing upon this community that we may be able to reach out in love to those who come here seeking your presence and peace. Help us to proclaim in word and deed the Good News of Jesus, and to be a place and people where all are welcome. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, during this time of racial unrest we pray for your healing on the divisions, prejudices, hatred, and anxiety present in society, here and across the world. Grant your wisdom and discernment to all who strive for a future where all are treated equally, respected, and cherished. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

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Father, relieve and comfort those who suffer from any kind of sickness at this time. We pray especially for those who are sick with coronavirus; for those who suffer in other ways and are named on our Newsletter; for those whose pains and concerns are known to you alone. Empower, we pray, all who care for the sick and suffering, and grant hope to those who have lost it through distress of body or mind.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, as the living receive your divine compassion in their suffering, grant your mercy to those who have died: we remember those who have died during this past week, among them for the soul of Stella Chandler and all others named on our Newsletter; for those who died alone or unprepared; for those whose years' mind occurs at this time, and for those whom we will always remember. Gather them, we pray, into your eternal Kingdom where they are freed from the trials and tribulations of this life.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

And in a moment of quiet let us offer our own prayers and thanksgivings unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Silence is kept.

Confident that we do not pray alone but in communion with all the saints and martyrs, we make these our prayers to our heavenly Father, saying, merciful Father...

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Anthem: O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
Psalm 34: 8*

Final Hymn: We have a Gospel to proclaim

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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