



NOTICES



Freewill Offering Drop Off

A Big Thank You to all who brought their envelopes along on Saturday.
It was great to see you!



Return to Church

We are delighted to be back in church worshipping together!

Please continue to remember to 'book-in' to attend Church by contacting the church office (02825630741) between Monday – Wednesday 10am-12pm. Please leave your name, contact number and the number of people booking in with you.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt).

Please pray ...

Pray for each other as we all cope with this short-term lockdown.

Pray that we would all find new and creative ways to support and encourage one another.

Pray that even in these difficult days we would know the Joy of the Lord as our strength.

Pray for our children and young people, our teachers and support staff as schools remain closed.

Pray for all those in the local community and local business who will find another shutdown particularly challenging.

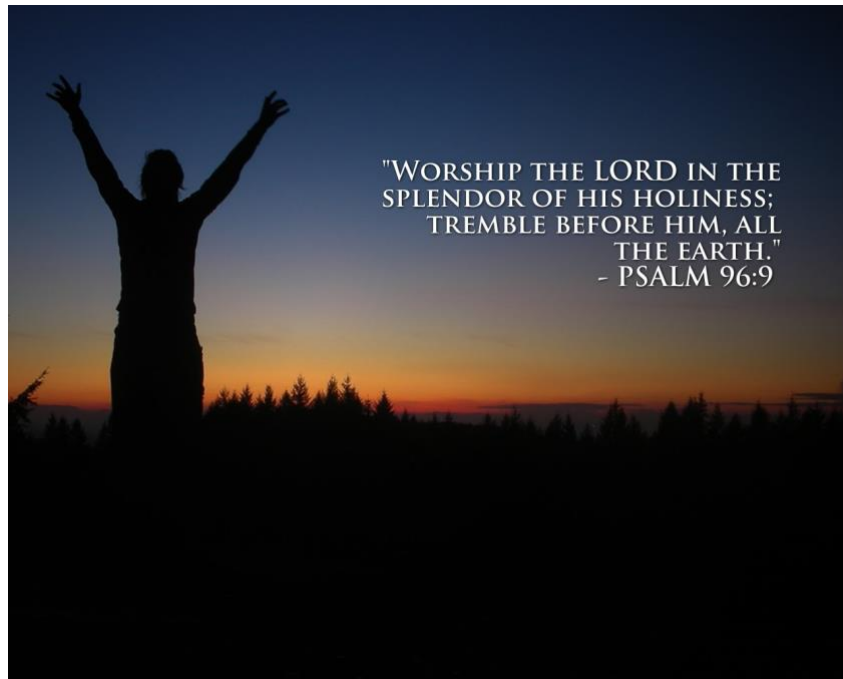
Pray for medical staff, those who care for the sick and vulnerable and for those receiving medical treatment at this time.



Sunday Morning Worship

25th October 2020

Fifth Sunday before Advent



***Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.
Join in with us using the words in red print.***

*"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of
Him..."*

Psalms 96:9

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

*So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence
and faith:*

*Please join in with the response to 'In your mercy, forgive us' – 'Lord, hear us and
help us.'*

In your mercy, forgive us'

'Lord, hear us and help us.'

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Amen.

Absolution

Worship – 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 hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! 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.

Great is Thy faithfulness! 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!*

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!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! 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!*

Family Talk

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Apostle’s Creed (in responsive form)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,*

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Bible Reading – Psalm 126

Father God, Open the eyes of our understanding and prepare our hearts by the power of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your Word with much joy and rejoicing and may we leave here having a deeper understanding of Who You are.

Amen.

Sermon

Prayers and Intercessions

In our prayers and intercessions this morning the response to 'Lord in Your Mercy' is '*Hear our prayer.*'

'Lord in Your Mercy'

'Hear our prayer.'

Father in Your Word it says - 'Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.' (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Loving God,
strengthen our innermost being
with your love that bears all things
even the weight of this global pandemic
even the long haul of watching for symptoms
of patiently waiting for this to pass
watching and waiting,
keeping our gaze fixed on you,
and looking out for our neighbours
near and far.

Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Instil in our shaken souls
the belief and hope that all things
are possible with your creative love
for strangers to become friends
for science to source solutions
for resources to be generously shared
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need
for your perfect love that knows no borders
may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your love that never fails
strengthen the weak
encourage the fearful
calm the anxious
heal the sick
through your church –
your washed hands
and feet on earth –
distant but still present
virtual but still connected
apart but still helping.
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your love that never ends
be our comfort, strength and guide
for the wellbeing of all and
the glory of God..
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let's say together:

**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.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Go in peace, be very courageous;
hold on to what is good;
do not return evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak, help the afflicted;
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;
and by the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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