

# Morning Worship

30th August 2020

## Prelude

Greeting – Children’s activity sheet available.

## The Preparation

St Paul wrote, “Celebrate your hope; be patient in suffering; give constant energy to prayer.”

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

## Testimony

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here to praise God, to confess our sins and receive forgiveness, to allow God’s word to speak to us and to pray. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

So let us praise and worship God celebrating his majesty and delighting in the wonder of God’s love.

## Song

*Give me One Pure and Holy Passion*

## Confession

Hear these words of scripture.

“As God who called you is holy,  
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.”

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Let us in silence remember our need for God’s forgiveness.

*Silence*

In the presence of our Saviour, who died for us, let us confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

**God of mercy,  
we have sinned against you and against others.  
We have sinned in what we have done,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for our sins,  
forgive us all that is past  
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,  
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

Now, as the scriptures are read, we can allow God’s word to speak to us, by the power of the Holy Spirit and ponder its meaning for our lives.

## The Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21

## Hymn 540

*Help us to help each other Lord*

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

## The Sermon – Helen

## The Apostles Creed Video

## Prayers

In our prayers, we give thanks for God’s goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ’s service.

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
**your saving power among all peoples.**

Renew your Church in holiness,  
**and help us to serve you with joy.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
**that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Make us instruments of your peace,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

## Unite714 Litany

Heavenly Father, the COVID-19 pandemic is still dominating the minds and hearts of people around the world. Anxiety often strikes at the very mention of that name. Yet, You have bestowed on Your Son, Jesus, a name that is above every name. It is in His name we come to You united as the Body of Christ. We ask You to heal our lands of COVID-19 in a way that clearly shows our broken world You have intervened on their behalf.

**Father, in the name of Your Son Jesus, glorify Yourself by eradicating COVID-19.**

Lord Jesus, when You walked the earth, You healed every form of disease and even raised the dead. We are thankful You are still the Healer today. You have the power to heal hurting people, restore fractured cultures, and bring awakening to our lands. Thus, we come before Your throne today in the name of Jesus. We unite and pray with millions of other believers, asking You to pour out Your healing power on our broken world.

**Father, in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus, heal our world from the ravages of COVID-19.**

Lord, the needs of our world are not just financial, medical, mental, and social. The most lethal killer in history is not a physical pandemic. It is the power of Sin and Death. Only You have the power to deliver us! Millions of our planet's inhabitants are still separated from You. Your great salvation provides righteousness, peace, and joy to the broken multitudes. Lord, unite Your Church and empower us afresh to be the witnesses You have called us to be — to a dying world in desperate need of salvation!

**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, unite and revive Your Church. Save millions of people through a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit!**

We pray for those of our congregation who are unwell, suffering or facing challenging health or financial issues.

We remember Shirley Davis and Danny Lissington. Lord, you know who else in this parish needs our prayers maybe for things unknown to anyone else.

We also pray for and remember the people of Christchurch and thank you for their coming together in community. At this time, we pray in particular for the leadership of Christchurch hospital both the board and the executive team that they may find solutions for the problems they face, resolution and healing relationships. We pray also for the staff working in the hospital that they will have the resilience needed to perform their duties well and be free from worry.

For all these we pray:

Lord you are a present help in trouble.  
Come revive, redeem, restore.  
In our darkness come as light.  
In our sadness come as joy.  
In our troubles come as peace.  
In our weakness come as strength.  
Come Lord to our aid:

Revive, redeem, restore us.

**Amen.**

God of opportunity and change,  
Praise to you for giving us life at this critical time.  
As our horizons extend, keep us loyal to our past;  
As our dangers increase, help us to prepare the future;

Keep us trusting and hopeful,  
Ready to recognise your kingdom as it comes.

**Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day*

**God of unchangeable power,  
our strength at all times;  
guard us from all dangers  
and support us in all difficulties  
that we may live victoriously now and forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn 144:*

*Take up Your Cross*

*The Gifts of the People are acknowledged.*

We have given our best, Gracious God,  
lest in gaining the whole world we lose life itself.  
Help us to see more clearly what you would have us

do with the wealth you have entrusted to us.  
As we give, we also present ourselves as living sacrifices. Take and use our offerings for your service and the extension of your kingdom.

**Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and remain with you.

**Amen.**

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