

## Morning Service Sunday 11 October, 2020 Homeless Sunday and APCM

### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Jesus, says, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sins and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

**Psalmody:** Psalm 23

**R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

**R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

He restores my soul  
he leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

**R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

**R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Canticle**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

### **Epistle - Philippians 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Exhortations <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever

is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears  
you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

**Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite

everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.’

(Matthew 22:1-14)

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Anthem**

A Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter)(

## **Prayers**

## **Intercessions**

## **Litany of Thanksgiving for Homeless Sunday**

Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

**All The Lord be praised.**

For the kindness shown by the Government in moving thousands of people experiencing homelessness off the streets into hotels during the COVID pandemic.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For the army of staff and volunteers from night shelter charities who continue to support those in hotels, those newly in accommodation and those who have unfortunately returned to the streets.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For the partnerships between local authorities, voluntary and charity organisations, faith and local communities, working together to end peoples' homelessness.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For Your continual provision in our lives, may we be generous to those in need.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night.

**All The Lord be praised.**

For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out.

**All The Lord be praised. Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!**

*(inspired by Psalm 96)*

### **Collect – 18 Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.

**All Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

## **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.  
**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

## **APCM**

### **The Grace**

**All 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**