

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Welcome & Notices

Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd'. Lord, help me to listen for his voice offering comfort and safety.

Happy Birthday

Prayer of Introduction:

**Lord we are here to worship you.
Would you meet with us through your Spirit,
Teach us through your Word,
Show us where we need to change,
And give us all we need to serve you in the world.
For the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Summary of the Law

**You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart
with all your soul
with all your mind
and with all your strength
and you shall Love your neighbour
as you love yourself.**

Prayers of forgiveness

A pause to think what we need to say sorry for.
Loving God we remember how you came to earth to show us how to love;

Yet often we let you down and do not love one another.

Lord Jesus, we remember how you call us to follow you;
Yet often we do not seem to hear your voice.

Holy Spirit you guide us to bring joy to others;
Yet often we think only of ourselves

Father God, we know that we let you down in many ways,
Father forgive us, and by your Holy Spirit help us to be more like Jesus Amen.

Jesus' promise of forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord
Amen

Worship: Day By Day Led By Andy Rees

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Collect

Risen Christ,
Faithful shepherd of your sheep:
Teach us to hear your voice
And to follow your command,
That all your people may be gathered into one flock
To the glory of God the Father Amen

First Reading

Acts 2.42-end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Worship: The Lords My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

Second Reading

John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly

Talk

Giving

Your gifting helps to resource the Ministry & Mission here at St Mary's as well as supporting our wider mission. By responding to what God has given us, our giving also provides us an opportunity to symbolise the offering of ourselves by the offering of our gifts. We make our lives an offering, our time, our money and our love.

We affirm what we believe:

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

We sit or Kneel for Prayers.

*In our prayers today,
we put all thoughts and worries and hopes
into the hands of God.*

*You may like to hold your own hands
in front of you as you pray.*

We place into the hands of God
the life of this church,
the people around us,
and those who are not here today.

We place into the hands of God
our difficulties and frustrations,
and our hopes and our worries about the future.

We place into the hands of God
the life of the church in all the world,
all people in the world who bring God's love to others,
all people who are in danger because they share the love
of God.

Loving God, as you have blessed us,
make us a blessing to your world.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God
a world that needs peace,
a world that needs wisdom,
a world that needs healing.
We place into the hands of God
the leaders of every nation,
the poor of our own and every land,
those who live in fear,
and all who hold the lives of others in their hands.

We place into the hands of God the fact that;
We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes, wherever you call us.

Loving God, You have poured such love into your world.
Show us how to help make it a more loving place.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God
our families, our friends, and our neighbours,
those who live and work in our village,
in our shops and local businesses,
those who work from home,
those who are unemployed,
and all who pass through the village on their essential
journey's.

We place into the hands of God
all those we know who are suffering.
We name.....
Loving God,
Bless them with your love and comfort and healing.
And show us how to care for them.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God
all those who have died.
Loving God,
As you prepared a place for each of them,
prepare us for our place with you,
when we will be held in your loving hands for ever.
Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 forever. Amen.**

Worship: O for a thousand tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid:
The Lamb of God was slain,
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ:
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap ye lame for joy!

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Prayers to take us out into the week ahead:

**Be with us, Lord, as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praises always
speak the truth;
may the ears that have heard your word listen only
to what is good;
and may our lives as well as our worship be always
pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

*God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all
people, peace and concord; and to us and all His servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

