

Sunday Evening Worship on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

O God make speed to save us.

**O Lord make haste to help us.**

My heart tells of your word, "seek my face."

**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ; to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Lord, you give us seedtime and harvest,  
forgive us for those times we waste our food.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you make us one bread, one body,  
forgive us when we fail to share the good things you give us  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us our daily bread,  
may we hunger and thirst for you, the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Psalms 19**

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**2 One day pours out its song to another  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**

3 They have neither speech nor language  
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world.**

5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

**6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.**

11 By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often they offend?**

**O cleanse me from my secret faults!**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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.**

## Readings

Matthew 6.25-34

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

A responsory

The Lord is my light and my salvation; the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

A sermon

Some music for reflection

Prayer

Let us give thanks to God,  
the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of your creation  
and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food,  
and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination,  
for the skills of research  
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,  
and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities,  
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord;

**your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see  
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,  
and all the fruit of the Spirit,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**your mercy endures for ever.**

Eternal God,  
You crown the year with you goodness  
And you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
Grant that we may use them to your glory,  
For the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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 forever.  
**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so 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.  
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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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

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