

18th October 2020 – Service Leaflet: NEIGHBOUR SUNDAY

Welcome & Opening responses

Rejoice in the Lord always: **we will say it again, rejoice!**

Do not let your hearts be troubled:

for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

An opening prayer:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Loving God, we thank you for your great love for us. We come to you today seeking to be filled again with your love, and to sing your praises. Inspire us, meet with us, and bless us, we pray. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hymn – Praise my soul the king of heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven! / To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, / Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour / To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever, / Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Father-like He tends and spares us; / Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, / Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as His mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him / Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, / Dwellers all in time and space
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Confession and Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

So let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep
God’s commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

Loving Father,

Forgive me for the things I have done, and not done.

Forgive me for the things I have said, and not said.

Forgive me for the life I have lived, and not lived.

**That I might reflect the image of the one I desire to follow,
in thought, word and deed,**

grant me grace, O God, this day and every day, Amen.

*May the Father of all mercies forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal & strengthen us by his Spirit, & raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Today’s Special Prayer

**God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.**

Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

**that we may worship you now with thankful hearts,
and serve you always with willing minds;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Mark 12:28-34 *The greatest commandment*

Video: *Being a good neighbour: the power of words*

Hymn – When I needed a neighbour

1. When I needed a neighbour, Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? *Refrain*

3. I was cold, I was naked, Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there? *Refrain*

4. When I needed a shelter Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter. were you there? *Refrain*

5. When I needed a healer, Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there? *Refrain*

6. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed and the colour And the name won't matter, I'll be there.

Reflection

Response: I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Prayers Response: *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

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 & for ever. Amen.

Hymn – Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of love grant us grace to love our neighbours this week...

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

Go in the peace and love of Christ. **Amen, thanks be to God!**