



**Second Sunday of Trinity Morning Worship** 26th June 2022

# **Greeting**

We come together to worship and praise God, to ask forgiveness of our sins and to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### J Hymn: O Lord All the World Belongs to You

O Lord, all the world belongs to you And you are always making all things new. What is wrong, you forgive, and the new life you give Is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends, But your way of loving never ends, Loving enemies too; and this loving with you Is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lies divided and apart, You draw men together, and we start In your body to see that in fellowship, we Can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state, But you show a new way to be great: Like a servant you came, and if we do the same, We'll be turning the world upside down.

Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you And you are always making all things new. Send your Spirit on all in your church whom you call To be turning, to be turning, the world upside down.

### **Psalm of Adoration (verses from Psalm 34)**

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

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I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. O magnify the Lord with me.

In my weakness I cried to the Lord; he heard me and saved me from my troubles. Let us exalt his name together.

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

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# ♣Prayer of confession and declaration of forgiveness

Every day we do things that separate us from God and each other, so let us now acknowledge and confess our sins to God.

O Lord our God, enthroned on high, filling the whole earth with your glory: Holy, holy, holy is your Name. Our eyes have seen the King, the Lord almighty; but our lips are unclean.

We cry to you in our sinfulness to take our guilt away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Almighty God, who sent His son into the world to save sinners, bring us pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### J Hymn: One More Step Along the World

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,

More and more about the world I learn;

All the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me.

And it's from the old I travel to the new;

Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough, Keep me loving though the world is tough; Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, You are younger than the life in me; Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you:

#### And it's from the old I travel to the new; Keep me travelling along with you.

# ☐ First Reading: 1Kings 19: 5-16, 19-21

Then Elijah lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

For the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

### J Hymn: Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire; with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight; our radiant King of light. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.



Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal; to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

# Second Reading: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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# Talk [Rev David]

I recall an event from about 30 years ago when I took our son to an international football match—not any football match but one in which Wales were playing West Germany in Cardiff. It was in the days when Wales' football team had some wonderful players but weren't what you'd say born winners! I'd forewarned our six year old son not to expect too much so you can imagine the euphoria we felt at the end of the match when Wales had won I-0—thanks to a goal by Ian Rush. For the next day or so we were still energised by the game and result but then things petered out... How often does that happen? Euphoria followed by deflation. The story of Elijah recounted in the first reading certainly follows this pattern. Elijah has just 'triumphed' on Mount Carmel but now, following threats from Queen Jezebel, he has run away and finds himself lying under a broom tree

and wishes that it would all end. In a reflection on this passage lane Williams recounts an episode from the life of St Teresa of Avila in which she writes, "St Teresa spent many years travelling on God's business, founding and reforming convents. Journeys were both unsafe and uncomfortable in those days, but she was never daunted. But one day, when she was near the end of her tether with weariness, her carriage broke and she fell out of it into the mud. She is reported to have shouted at God, 'No wonder you have so few friends, when you treat them so badly." I'm sure that would be how Elijah felt. But while he is sleeping, he has an experience of God through the visitation of an angel, who tells him to get up and eat because there is a journey to be made. At the end of that journey he has a deep encounter with God in the still, small voice—in the silence, not in the noise of fire or wind or earthquake. It is once Elijah is prepared to listen in the silence that he hears once again the question that God asked him but this time he also gets a response from God. He also gets some jobs to do... To enable him to undertake that task he finds someone who will take on the task with him, and who will take on the mantle which he, Elijah, has to pass on. Like the runners in a relay race—a race derived from runners carrying a message who pass it on—so Elijah requires someone to carry on the task.

In our reading from Luke, Jesus also emphasises the need for people to be willing to share the Good News of the Kingdom and embark on a journey, a journey which he is taking, a journey which will take him to Jerusalem—but they need to know that the task won't be easy nor will it be secure; rather it will be difficult. The reasons given about not taking up the journey are deep and serious and so the terms of Jesus' rebuke appear harsh, yet what Jesus is saying is that the call of the Kingdom is the primary call. So, where is Jesus asking us to travel? And are we ready to respond to the call?

#### The Response

God offers us the strength and power to live for him through his Holy Spirit. So let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Believe We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son. who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with His love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### The Peace of God

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to Him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. Let us greet one another and share God's peace.

### ☐ Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; Take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

O Lord God, make your ways known upon earth, 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 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. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and trust 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.

# J Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

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?

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?

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?

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?

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.

#### The Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.