

# Church@Home 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A 9am Traditional worship

# HYMN: LH457 "Mighty God we praise Thy name"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXJMJCPFRzg

Mighty God, we praise Thy name:
Lord of all, our hearts adore Thee.
All creation must proclaim
Thy great works, and bow before Thee.
Ages roll, but Thou wilt be
Lord throughout eternity.

King of glory, God's own Son, Humbly our poor nature sharing, Now to save us Thou art come, All our sin and sorrow bearing; Thou hast brought us saving grace, Freed from guilt our sinful race.

O have mercy on us, Lord; Shed on us Thy richest blessing; Keep us steadfast in Thy Word, Ever Thy great name confessing. Lord, we trust alone in Thee; Thine we are eternally.

> Words: Grosser Gott, wir loben dich asc to Ignaz Franz (1719-1790) Tr Frederick William Herzberger Music: 'Katholisches Gesangbuch', Vienna 1774 ad J H Schichts 'Choralbuch' 1819

#### **WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ:

Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father,
I, a poor helpless sinner,
confess to you all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done.
I have deeply displeased you
and deserve your punishment
in time and in eternity.
But I am sorry for my sins,
and I ask you,
for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.** 

Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent and believe. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

Amen.

# **GLORY TO THE FATHER**

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord. you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

# **GREETING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (all)
Almighty and merciful Father,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for those in need
we also do for him.
As he became the servant of all,
help us to be a servant to others.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Romans 8:26 – 27 "The God who listens"

#### **BIBLE READINGS**

# FIRST READING Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 SECOND READING Romans 8:26 – 30

After the reading
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

# The HALLELUJAH Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

#### **GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel is written in Matthew 20:1-16 Glory be to you, O Lord

(after the reading)
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Praying To God"

- \* Focus: Whether we pray in a very quiet voice, or shout it out aloud, or just think it in our head, God hears us.
- \* Show the boys and girls a megaphone or loudhailer made out of paper.... Ask, "What do you think this is?" "What do people use this for?
- I can talk to you normally and sound like this, but if I use a loudhailer, I sound like this.
  - Speak loudly through the loudhailer, and ask the boys and girls, "Did you notice a difference?"
- \* Sometimes we think that for God to hear us, we have to talk louder or to pray more often.
  - Do think that is true? No, whether we pray in a very quiet voice, or shout it out aloud, or just think it in our head, God hears us.
  - God is our loving Father in heaven, and He will listen to our prayers *no matter how loud or softly we speak*, and He will answer our prayers. We don't need a loudhailer to pray. God will hear us.
- \* Prayer is talking to God. And what sorts of things can we say to God:
  - "Thank you!"
  - "I'm sorry!"
  - "Help!"
  - "I love you!"

Colin Buchanan has a song about all this, doesn't he!? It's called: "You can tell the Lord that you love him" or simply "the Arrow Prayer".

#### CHILDREN'S SONG

"Arrow prayer" by Colin Buchanan

Let's sing it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxz9P-KsARU

You can tell the Lord that you love him anytime You can tell the Lord that you need him anytime Thank him for his love and care Shoot him up an arrow prayer You can tell the Lord that you love him anytime

In the middle of whatever you're doing at school

At lunch, when you're kickin' the ball When you're chasin' your mates all over the place

You can talk to the Lord of all You can tell the Lord...

When you're happy as Larry, when you're full of joy

When you're blown out by the view Give thanks to the God who's showered his blessings

Showered his blessings on you, and you, and you, and...

You can tell the Lord that you love him anytime You can tell the Lord that you need him anytime Thank him for his love and care Shoot him up an arrow prayer

You can tell the Lord that you love him You can tell the Lord that you need him You can tell the Lord that you love him anytime

#### **NICENE CREED**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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. Amen.

**MESSAGE** 

Romans 8:26 – 27 "The God who listens"

Click **HERE** to listen to the message on YouTube

# HYMN: LHS894 "Father God in heaven"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKUMKOiwnHs

Father God in heaven,
Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer,
Lord most high:
hallowed be your name,
Lord most high –
O Lord, hear our prayer.

May your kingdom come here on earth; may your will be done here on earth, as it is in heaven so on earth – O Lord, hear our prayer.

Note:

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Give us daily bread day by day, and forgive our sins day by day, as we too forgive day by day – O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead us in your way, make us strong; when temptations come make us strong; save us from all sin, keep us strong – O Lord, hear our prayer.

All things come from you, all are yours – kingdom, glory, power, all are yours; take our lives and gifts, all are yours – O Lord, hear our prayer.

Words: based on the Lord's Prayer James E Seddon 1915 Music: Traditional melody arr David Peacock 1949 Used with permission CCLI39324

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

# PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

God has given us the great privilege of believing in Christ, so let us pray that God may show his generosity to all in need.

The regular response, OR: Lord, in your generosity, hear our prayer.

# Suggested intercessions

- \* for all Christians, that they may live lives worthy of the good news about Christ
- \* for those who are envious, that they may be grateful for what God has given them
- \* for those who are poor or in need, that God would provide for them and move us to help them
- \* for those who fight for human rights and justice, that God would bless them

# Concluding prayer

Father, in your great generosity you freely give us everything we need. Keep us strong in faith, and give us the freedom to expect your generous blessing. When our labour in this world is over, bring us home to your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

# HYMN: LH397 "Lead us heavenly Father, lead us"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5iIyGJ4g94

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us Over life's tempestuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For to you alone we flee; Yet possessing Every blessing If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; All our weaknesses you know; You have walked this earth before us You have felt its keenest woe; Lone and dreary, Faint and weary, Through the desert you did go. Spirit of our God, descending, In our hearts your joy increase, Love, all other love transcending, Pleasure that will never cease: Thus provided, Pardoned, guided, Nothing can destroy our peace.

> Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867) Music: F Filitz 1804-1876 (1847) arr L Mason 1792-1872 (1853)