sunnyside**church**

**Worshipping Together While Apart**

**Sunday 20th September 2020**

*If you aren’t able to worship with us online, then I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.*

*Feel free to join in the songs or just listen to Patrick and the singers lead us in worship.*

*Sharon*

***Notices***

Please see the website for more information

* Livestreaming
* Thank you to the gardening team
* Pray for Rachel as she is ordained on Saturday (26th September)
* Harvest: Sunday 4th Oct
* Gift Day (Including video clip about the work of St Francis Hospice)

 **C*all to Worship***

Let’s still our hearts and minds and invite the Holy Spirit to inspire us as we seek to worship God this morning.

*Pause to allow us to experience God’s presence*

**1**I will exalt you, my God the King;
    I will praise your name for ever and ever.
**2**Every day I will praise you
    and extol your name for ever and ever.

**3**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
    his greatness no one can fathom.
**4**One generation commends your works to another;
    they tell of your mighty acts.
**5**They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
    and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
**6**They tell of the power of your awesome works—
    and I will proclaim your great deeds.
**7**They celebrate your abundant goodness
    and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**8**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
    slow to anger and rich in love.

 Psalm 145. 1-8

***Songs***

Before the throne of God above

Spirit and Truth

Your love never fails

*Confession*

Search me, God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139.23-24

Let’s take a moment to bring to mind those things we wish to confess and say sorry to God for this morning:

*Pause*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love

bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins ,

and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

***Collect***

**Merciful God,**

**your Son came to save us**

**and bore our sins on the cross;**

**may we trust your mercy and know your love,**

**rejoicing in the righteousness**

**that is ours through Jesus**

**Christ our Lord. Amen**

***Pause for thought***

What is your favourite parable that Jesus told?

***Song***

I will offer up my life

***Readings***

**Jonah 3.10-4.11**

**10**When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**4**But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. **2**He prayed to the Lord, ‘Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. **3**Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.’

**4**But the Lord replied, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’

**5**Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. **6**Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jonah+3.10-4.11&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-22575a)] and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. **7**But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. **8**When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, ‘It would be better for me to die than to live.’

**9**But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?’

‘It is,’ he said. ‘And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.’

**10**But the Lord said, ‘You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. **11**And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?

**Matthew 20.1-16**

**20**‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. **2**He agreed to pay them a denarius[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20.1-16&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-23795a)] for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

**3**‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. **4**He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” **5**So they went.

‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. **6**About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”

**7**‘“Because no one has hired us,” they answered.

‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”

**8**‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

**9**‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. **10**So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. **11**When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. **12**“These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”

**13**‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? **14**Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. **15**Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

**16**‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Sermon***

Rebecca Fardell

***Song***

Reckless Love

**Prayers**

Prayers led by Sharon Fowler

We bring all our prayers together by praying the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***Closing song***

I stand amazed in the presence

***Closing Prayer***

In darkness and in light,

in trouble and in joy,

help us, heavenly Father,

to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,

and to praise your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us go in peace to love, grow and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***Coffee***

*Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from Sunnyside for a chat?*

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