

WORSHIP - 5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 12 JULY 2020

Lighting of the Candle

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God
So that in its flame we may love you with all our heart,
With all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength,
And our neighbours as ourselves,
So that by keeping your commandments we may glorify you,
The giver of all good gifts. Amen.



Offer to God the good things in life - the joy of the summer (despite the rain), St Matthew's open this afternoon 2 to 4 for private prayer, for the building work now completed in St Edmund's. Offer everything to God - and ask him to grant us Peace.

Hymn - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBEmXFkwcOE>

Sung at a speed a bit faster than we would normally manage!

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.
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.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis - this youtube clip is the choir of St Catherine's Church Burbage singing the version from the Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne, which we use quite regularly - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHAXn1IXbkU>

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity is on the noticesheet on the website.

Bible readings - Isaiah 55.10-13, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

These are printed on the blue sheet, the Bible Readings and Prayers sheet, on the front page of the website (next to the noticesheet you can download).

*I suggest that between two of the readings you say the Psalm - **Psalm 65**, and/or listen to the anthem*

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it by Maurice Green,

sung by the choir of New College, Oxford - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EY3BzD12g8Q>

Song - Colours of Day - sung by an American Choir (about as different as you can get to an Oxford choir!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svGOOoLxPa0>

Address - you have sermons from me and from Clive. You can find them on the front page of the website

The Nicene Creed - we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')

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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

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.

Hymn - As the green blade riseth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVduV0ustWw>

I wonder how many rehearsals it took before they got the ending right!

Prayers of Intercession

In this Trinity Season, Lord we offer you our praise and adoration. You are God the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world your love brings to life. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. Those who are coping well when buildings are closed, and those who are missing so much the Holy Places where we gather in worship. We pray for our attempts to move towards re-opening, help us to worship as you would have us meet. We pray for the leadership of our church, for our Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Libby our Bishop, Chris our Archdeacon, the life of our Deanery and our parishes. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for Her Majesty The Queen, for the Prime Minister and his government, for all our members of Parliament, for advisers, scientists, medical

professionals, people involved in public health - for the media, for all of us in Society. We pray for communities struggling to rebuild, for the economic life of our country. We pray for our schools and our young people, Lord give them vision, help us all to have hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who are sick, those who are sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that we may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. We pray for all those working through this pandemic - we continue to pray for those still serving, and sacrificing so much. We pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of loved ones, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died, remembering especially Ian Lyall, whose funeral takes place at St Matthew's on Monday. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord we ask you to lead us into the coming week. Help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. When we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us. Thank you God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song - You shall go out with joy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIeTbPoiNm0>

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

Dismissal prayer

Today is the Feast of St Benedict - this is his prayer

Gracious and Holy Father,
give us the wisdom to discover You,
the intelligence to understand You,
the diligence to seek after You,
the patience to wait for You,
eyes to behold You,
a heart to meditate upon You,
and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

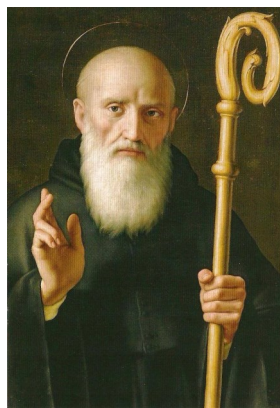
Final music - Bob Chilcott's setting of this prayer

(a slightly different version of the words)-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po7Vk9p4I8>

Peter Barham, 10 July 2020

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Benedict was born in Nursia, central Italy, around the year 480. As a young man he was sent to study in Rome, but was soon appalled by the corruption in society and withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish small monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525, a disaffected faction tried to poison him so Benedict moved to Monte Cassino with a band of loyal monks. Later in life Benedict wrote his Rule for Monks, based on his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an 'order' but his Rule was so good that it was disseminated and widely followed, becoming the model for all western monasticism. Benedict died at Monte Cassino in about the year 550. Brother Cadfael was a Benedictine monk in Shrewsbury in Ellis Peters' books and the TV series with Derek Jacobi.