

Service for the dispersed communities of St John's and All Saints' for the fourth Sunday after Trinity, 5th July 2020

Welcome and introduction

On 7th June I shared with the St John's family our financial need and the forecasted deficit for the year, if we took no action. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the dispersed community of St John's who have continued to support the church financially or made additional donations over the past few weeks. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by me and the PCC.

I know there will be others who might want to donate and so I've provided the giving links below for your convenience:

Our on-line giving page can be found here:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7e7f200b-f6ff-4f5b-a977-724e45e0f6a1>

If you would like to give via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), please contact our Stewardship Officer Katy Astley katy@excelsa.eu or call direct on 0333 022 1271 ((lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm).

You may want to contact our treasurer (Michael) about donations and his email pcctreasurer@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk

A moment of silence before we commence our service:

We meet in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Charles Wesley
<https://youtu.be/AhEUCSzaU8M>

Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

The Confession

God our Father, we are sorry

for the times when we have used
your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your
mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you
have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full
and satisfied,

but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the
world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves
alone,
as if there were no God and no
heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

The Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from
your sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his
Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Hymn

When peace like a river

Horatio Gates Spafford

<https://youtu.be/nKPvBV4xqVw>

New Testament reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Reflection (YouTube)

Chris

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Song

Be still and know

<https://youtu.be/2zN0XfOTC8U>

Intercessions

Concluding with:
The prayer of the day (the collect)

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our
wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your
will,
that we may find all things
restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn

*Longing for light (Christ be our
light)*

Bernadette Farrell

<https://youtu.be/5g0c4YeABTs>

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy
people,
Light for the world to see.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered
today.

Chorus

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to
save us.
Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Longing for food, many are
hungry.
Longing for water, many still
thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for
others,
Shared until all are fed.

Chorus

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are
cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others,
Walls made of living stone.

Chorus

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to
belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Chorus

Closing prayer

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again
into your love
by the triumphant death and
resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory

The Blessing & Dismissal

All our problems
we send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties
we send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works
we send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes
we set on the risen Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty

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