

7th June 2020
Weobley and Staunton groups of parishes
Morning Prayer
from The Book of Common Prayer

Invitation to worship

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalms 96.9

God is love; and he that abideth in love
abideth in God and God in him.

1 John 4.16

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46.1

Penitential Sentences

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses,
though we have rebelled against him:
neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God,
to walk in his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9.9, 10

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Psalms 143.2

Dear beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places
to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;
and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them
before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart;
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same
by his infinite goodness and mercy.
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge
our sins before God;
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,
when we assemble and meet together on zoom
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands,
to set forth his most worthy praise,
to hear his most holy word,
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,
as well for the body as the soul.]
Wherefore I pray and beseech you,
as many as are here present,
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me...

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.
Amen.**

A priest says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the absolution and remission of their sins:
he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent
and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

These responses are used

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the Saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity**

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
- 2 **Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies:
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.**
- 3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers:
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

**4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him:
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?**

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels:
to crown him with glory and worship.

**6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands:
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;**

7 All sheep and oxen:
yea, and the beasts of the field;

**8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea:
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.**

9 O Lord our Governor:
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 *read by Janice Manning*

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? 14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? 15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. 16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

**To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:

**the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.**

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

New Testament Reading Matthew 28.16-20 read by Anne Lawrence

16 The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Benedictus is said

- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
- 2 **And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;**
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
- 4 **That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;**
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
- 6 **To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us,**
- 7 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear,
- 8 **In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.**

- 9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- 10 **To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;**
- 11 Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
- 12 **To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.68-79**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

The Homily ...John Thewliss

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God,
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of thy Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:
We beseech thee, that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith,
and evermore defend us from all adversities,
who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom;
defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger,
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The State Prayers and Other prayers follow, concluding with A Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee;
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered
together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests;
Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,
as may be most expedient for them;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

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

Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

A Doxology and The Blessing

To God the Father, who first loved us,
and made us accepted in the beloved;
to God the Son, who loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own blood;
to God the Holy Spirit, who sheddeth
the love of God abroad in our hearts;
to the one true God be all love and all glory
for time and for eternity **Amen**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;..
and the Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father,
the Son and
the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**