

Parish of St Guthlac, Market Deeping

21st February 2021

Sunday Worship Order of Service

Hymn

1 **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er this 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.**

2 **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.**

3 **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.**

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

*Music: Mannheim; melody from Friedrich Filitz Choralbuch,
1847; harmonised by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)*

Greeting

We meet in the presence of God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

Prayers of Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.

So let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and confess our sins in penitence and in faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: **All Fill us with your Spirit.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: **All Fill us with your Spirit.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: **All Fill us with your Spirit.**

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

A Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father,
 your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
 and grew closer to you in the desert:
 help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
 that we may witness to your saving love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Bible Reading: Mark 1.9-15

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

- 1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
 should set his love upon the sons of men,
 or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the
 wanderers,
 to bring them back, they know not how or
 when.
 But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
 when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
 and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
 come.
- 2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
 nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
 and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
 and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
 for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
 here.

- 3 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
 or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with love and joy is filled.
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with
 rapture,
 and myriad myriad human voices sing,
 and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will
 answer,
 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is
 King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)

*Music: Londonderry Air; taken from Irish Music as noted by
 George Petrie, 1903, harmonised by John Barnard (b. 1948)*

Homily

Time for Reflection

Prayers

The response to the bidding "Lord of compassion" is in your mercy hear us.

The prayers conclude: "... through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ, we have been brought near to God.
 Therefore, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you, **All** and also with you.

Affirmation of Faith

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
 named.
 We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with
 his love.
 We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
 We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace,
 be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
 render to no-one evil for evil;
 strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and the blessing of God Almighty;
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. **All** Amen.

May we all go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All** In the name of Christ, Amen.

Hymn

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| <p>1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.</p> | <p>3 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love shall stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.</p> |
| <p>2 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.</p> | <p>4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call, one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.</p> |

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: Michael; Herbert Norman Howells (1892-1983)