

**Service Sheet for Live Stream Service @ Ten –
St Beale's online community of St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham**

The Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity – 13 September 2020

Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.(1-7)8-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

PARISH COMMUNION

How Many Times?

- Do you find it easy to forgive?
- How did it feel to be forgiven?
- What things can we do to nurture a forgiving heart and attitude?



PREPARING THE SPACE...

Please feel free to message and commune during the service as you are so inspired to do. There will be people you recognise who are gathered with you and feel free to say hello to them and to say hello to those whom you don't yet know ☺

Perhaps you might like to light a candle, still yourself as you listen to the music, and allow yourself to take time out and rest in the peace of the time to come as we gather together to worship, reflect and pray...

Let's give thanks that as St Beale's online community, we join as one with St Peter's as a Church family together for today's service.

Please feel free to join in – we say together the words as indicated

The Sundays between the end of the Epiphany season and the beginning of Lent, and the Sundays between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent, are known as Ordinary Time. These times give us an opportunity to focus on particular aspects of the Christian faith and life. The readings help us to develop this exploration.

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Introduction

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER FOR HOPE

All: God of grace, be with those leading us, those on the frontline and with those working to secure a vaccine.

Be with us all as we grapple with finding a safe way forward from lockdown. God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light;

God of comfort be with those who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time, trusting in your promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN – led by St Martin's Voices

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

The Greeting - the president greets the people

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

And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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.

Prayers of Penitence – we are invited to confession, to say 'sorry'

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.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The president says the prayer of absolution

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

Gloria in Excelsis

All: 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.

We pause before we pray:

The Collect – the gathering prayer of the Church

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (only the second reading will be read today)

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept,

fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?' ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN – *leading us into the Gospel* - led by Naomi and Jonathan

My God how wonderful you are, your majesty how bright;
How beautiful your mercy seat in depths of burning light!

Creator from eternal years and everlasting Lord,
By holy angels day and night unceasingly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful the sigh to you must be –
Your endless wisdom, boundless power, and awesome purity!

O how I fear you, living God, with deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship you with trembling hope and penitential tears!

But I may love you too, O Lord, though you are all-divine,
For you have stooped to ask of me this feeble love of mine.

Father of Jesus, love's reward, great King upon your throne,
What joy to see you as you are and know as I am known!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Affirming our Faith in the words of The Creed – *we say together:*

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is:

After "Lord in your mercy"

The response is: "Hear our prayer."

At the end of the prayers we say together:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace (we acknowledge peace for each other in our hearts)

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you - **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace...

OFFERTORY HYMN - Led by St Martin-in-the-Fields choir

(Before and after the service, offerings can be left in the plate at the back of the church, or there is the option to use a contactless card if you prefer.

Offerings can also be made online via our Just Giving page for our online community, or anyone else who might care to kindly make a donation. We are truly most grateful for all the offerings and donations, especially at this challenging time.)

Through the night of doubt and sorrow onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim, stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread;

One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires:

One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

Prayer of Thanksgiving + - we say together:

God of grace, in our time of darkness you bless us with gifts of light.
We place our offerings into your hands - from our homes, from online, and
also from our hearts. In response to your unfailing love, we offer ourselves to
be used to serve others so that our faithful giving can bear witness to your
gracious generosity; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Preparation of the Table with bread and wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have
this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have
made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have
this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will
become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here - **His spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts - **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - **It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us
for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet
us in your Son.

All: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with
you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of
me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy
Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen
Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of
praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest

Please sit as we say the Lord's Prayer together:

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith; receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Or

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Jesus Christ offered his body and shed his blood – on behalf of those not here in person, the president receives these sacraments in honour and remembrance that Jesus died for us all... People at home are invited to open hands and heart to receive our Lord Jesus Christ spiritually, as we all feed on him in our hearts.

We say the prayer of Spiritual Communion together:

All: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

As we receive these sacraments spiritually or physically, we ask you to come into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day. **Amen**

Those at St Peter's are invited to the chancel to receive Communion or a Blessing - Communion will be offered in one kind only - no wine...

Music for reflection during Communion- Led by St Martin's voices

Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home, lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise: sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart, where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart; there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery: sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray that earthly joys may fade away: sweet Sacrament divine.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Notices and The Sending Out

FINAL HYMN - led by St Martin's Voices

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 Bethlehem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or 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.

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 heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer, at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

The Blessing - *this blessing or another may be used...*

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Departing Music - a space to say a quiet prayer and depart...

The Lord Bless You and Keep You: *John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers*

God Bless, and prayers for safekeeping and wellbeing go with you
from Revs Sandy and Jacqueline