

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

The Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity – 18 October 2020

A SERVICE FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS ON THE DAY OF ST LUKE

- What would healing and wholeness mean for you?
- Have you ever had the sense of God's healing grace resting upon your mind, body or spirit at some point in your life?
- How can we as individuals and community help towards a healing of peace and harmony for the world?



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 allow us to focus on particular aspects of the Christian faith and life. The readings help us to develop this exploration.

THE GATHERING

HYMN OF PREPARATION – led by St Martin's Voices

In a world where people walk in darkness, let us turn our faces to the light, to the light of God revealed in Jesus, to the daystar scattering our night.

For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night, though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suffering of the helpless casts a shadow all along the way, let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness and proclaim the dawning of the day. *Refrain*

Let us light a candle in the darkness, in the face of death a sign of life; as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless, as a sign of peace in place of strife. *Refrain*

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 safe ways to live while preventing the spread of the virus..

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.

Call to Worship

We gather in your presence, God,

All: in our need, and bringing with us the healing needs of the world.

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

All: and you know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you have invited us;

All: and you have promised never to turn us away.

FIRST HYMN: led by St Martin's Voices

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends,

as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

We acknowledge our human frailty and God's gracious and healing love

We come with our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world.

Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death.

By our very nature of being human, we each stand in need of healing - individual healing of wounded hearts and broken bodies but also healing of divided families, communities, nations and the earth itself.

We pray:

Loving God, you gather us here today here, where we come seeking your healing, strength and love.

All: May your healing presence bring us comfort

You know us, God: you understand who we are, you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes us smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers.

All: May your healing presence bring us strength

You know the people we love, God, and the people we struggle with.

Sometimes we hurt others; sometimes we hurt ourselves.

All: May your healing presence bring us hope

So, we bring our own hurt asking for your healing; and we bring the hurt we have caused others asking for forgiveness.

All: May your healing presence bring us forgiveness and mercy

(We pause....)

Listen now to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

'Don't be afraid.'

'I love you.'

'Your sins are forgiven.'

'I will be with you always.'

(We pause...)

All: Write these words on our hearts, loving God, let them take root in our living and the healing of the world. Amen.

The Collect – the gathering prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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**

Affirming our Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in Heaven and 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

SECOND HYMN: Led by Jonathan and Naomi

Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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BIBLE READING – from the Gospel of St Luke, 10:1-9

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us - **thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION - *at the end:*

Dear God, We pray for our church and community, and celebrate the ways in which you make us all different. Help us to work together for unity, doing nothing separately that we might do together.

Gracious healing God of love - **May we bring healing in your name.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: Led by St Martin's Voices

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt His name;
When in distress to Him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all who on His succour trust.

Oh, make but trial of His love, experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they, who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight, your wants shall be His care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
Be Glory as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYERS -*for healing and wholeness for the world, for others and for ourselves*
During this time, we will listen to some music as we quietly pray our own healing prayers and open our hearts to receive God's healing and gentle touch upon us.

Dear Jesus,
You taught us to pray. So now we offer prayer for all known to us and for those known only to you – and indeed for ourselves – who today need to know you are near....

MUSIC: Sung by St Martin's Voices
(O) God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer.
In our living and our dying, you promise to be there.

For the weak we ask your courage, and your patience for the strong;
stay with those whose pain is sharpest and those enduring long. *Refrain*

O provide for all the weary your precious gift of sleep;
with the glad let us be joyful, and weep with those who weep. *Refrain*

Come to meet your praying people, be with us as we kneel;
come to help us, God our Saviour, for you alone can heal. *Refrain*

Prayer:

God our maker, Jesus our healer, Holy Spirit of love and life,
hear our prayers of our hearts.

Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep at this time and give your angels charge over them.

All: Tend your sick ones, O Christ, rest your weary ones,
bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones,
shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

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.

NOTICES

We say together:

Loving God, as we prepare to leave this space of healing prayer, we give thanks for all engaged in the ministries of healing and reconciliation, for those who work in hospitals and hospices, for doctors and district nurses, for carers and counsellors, for peacemakers and peacekeepers.

To those who seek you, to all who need you, to the churches who honour you, to the world you cherish
bring healing, bring wholeness, bring peace. **Amen**

THE BLESSING

In the heart and homes of all - **the blessing of God.**
In the changing seasons of life - **the peace of God.**

May Jesus the wounded healer walk with you wherever you go so that tending, listening, speaking, through your love he will be known.

And as you love and as you care, his peace and joy and gentle power will heal, bless, and fill you all your days, and you will know him well.
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Out

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

FINAL HYMN: Led by St Martin's Voices

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus - the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.