

A Service for 15th June

Welcome and Call to worship

Praise the name of the Lord;
ascribe greatness to our God.

Lord, open our lips
and we shall praise your name.

A psalm of Praise (Psalm 100) Say it with me . . .

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Opening prayer

We open our hearts to you, Gracious God, today
And ask you to be with us wherever we are watching this
service and that you would fill the room with your Holy
Spirit.

Fill our hearts with the joy that your presence brings that
we may know today that you are God and that we are your
people.

Help us to praise your name with gratitude in our hearts
And to experience afresh your gracious and steadfast love

Amen.

A song - 'Lord I Come to You'

I Lord, I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of Your love.
*Hold me close,
let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
in the power of Your love.*

2 Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see You face to face,
the knowledge of Your love
as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day
in the power of Your love.
Chorus

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The Confession

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
against you, in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us,
forgive our sins,
cleans us from any kind of wrong,
and help us to overcome our weaknesses.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

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

All Amen.

The Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Bible Reading

Romans. 5.1-10

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the

wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

To God be the Glory.

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To all who accept it, the promise of God;
the worst of offenders who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Chorus

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.
Chorus

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915) alt.

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2nd Bible Reading –

Matthew.9.35 -10.8

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[a] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

The Sermon

All 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.

The Intercessions and The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of intercession

Loving Lord, you call us to be your disciples and equip us to serve you.

Help us to have the compassion of the Lord Jesus for all those who today are lost, harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

And as the harvest is yet plentiful, we pray that you will raise up many workers to harvest men, women and children for your Kingdom. We ask that we will become

the answer to this prayer amongst our family, our friends and our neighbours.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving Lord, as you commissioned your disciples to proclaim the good news and to minister healing and life, setting the oppressed free. So give us the your power to minister your healing and wholeness to all whom we meet. Help us to be those who share our lives generously with those in need recalling all you have given generously to us.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving Lord, you understand what it means to suffer for the cause of truth. Give comfort and courage to those who are unjustly imprisoned, intimidated and tortured because of their faith. We remember especially today the family of Samaru Madkami martyred for his faith in India a few days ago. We pray for the church in areas of India where it is really challenging and even dangerous to be a Christian, especially where there are militant Hindu nationalists. Uphold the Church congregations and the Pastors and give them boldness in their continued witness.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving Lord, we continue to pray for our society that so often seems lost and directionless. Keep us from the extremes of political opinion that are filled with hate and intolerance of others. Yet continue to give to make us

those who pursue righteousness, peace and justice in all our dealings. May your name be glorified in us.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray these prayers.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is 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**

A song. 'How Great Thou Art'

As we listen to this song there will be a reminder of the need to continue to give to the work of your church during this time. These gifts can be dropped in at the Rectory in an envelope or sent to either Martin or Peter as church treasurers. Please contact them for their address if you need it.

- 1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain
- 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die-I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Refrain
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Refrain

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Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus,
as we end this service, may we resolve to serve you.
May we be empowered to share your gospel.
May we be equipped to share your wholeness and healing
And may God's grace keep us and uphold us in all things
Amen.

The Final Acclamation

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

**Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
and you are exalted as head over all.**