



All Together Sunday Worship

17th January 2021

**Be at peace with one another in an
argumentative world**

Reflection time before the service begins

Think about your experience of arguments. What causes arguments? Here's some points which people have argued about recently. What are your first thoughts?

Which football manager was the best ever?

Should the UK have a royal family?

The big bang and evolution explain the existence of life.

Should local churches be multi-ethnic?

Is a Jaffa Cake a biscuit or a cake?

Should marriage be for any two, or more, adults regardless of sex?

Was the British Empire a good thing?

Should we have to pay a license fee to the BBC?

Should Scotland be allowed independence from the UK?

Should the police carry guns?

Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

May the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him – his name is the Lord.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

**God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

Confessing our Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

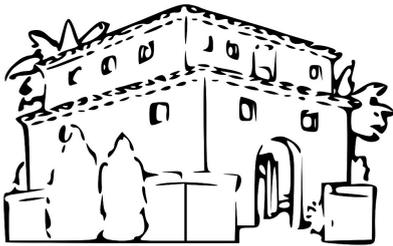
Declaring God's Forgiveness

O people, put your hope in the LORD. **His love endures forever.**
He is called Jesus, **because he will save his people from their sins**
(from Psalm 130 and Luke 1)

Song: Abide with me

Reading from the Bible (stand)

Mark 9:33-50



³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'

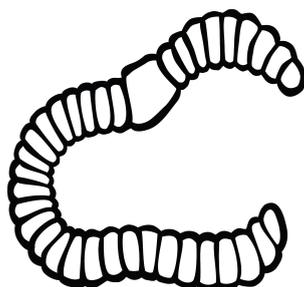
³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'

³⁸ 'Teacher,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.'

³⁹ 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said. 'For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.'

⁴² 'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.”



⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ 'Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.'

Reflecting on God's Word

Be at peace by becoming a servant of all

Be at peace by welcoming others in the name of Jesus

Be at peace by being for Jesus, not against him

Be at peace by not causing anyone to sin

Be at peace by fearing the judgement and eternal justice of God

Affirming Our Faith

The 39 Articles of the Church of England

II. OF THE WORD OR SON OF GOD, WHICH WAS MADE VERY MAN

The Son, which is the Word of the Father,
begotten from everlasting of the Father,
the very and eternal God,
and of one substance with the Father,
took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin,
of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures,
that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood,
were joined together in one Person,
never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man;
who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried,
to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice,
not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.

Praying Together

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth:
In mercy hear the prayers of your people
and grant us your peace throughout our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as is 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 forever. Amen.

SONG: How deep the Father's love for us

Notices

Pronouncing God's Blessing

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed,
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this year in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

Notices

After our service we can meet outside in pairs of two people only. Sadly, no mingling between more than two people.

Activities this week:

Zoom Sunday Afternoon Tea is back! Join us on Zoom from 4pm to catch up and connect. Code available from Neil or Helen.

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to come to grow in wisdom and love by drawing near to God in his word on Zoom. For more information, please ask Neil or Helen.

Zoom Cake and Chat. We meet online on Thursdays from this week from 9am until around 11am. Contact Amanda for a Zoom code. Drop in for ten minutes or two hours. We'd love to see you.

Keeping in contact and asking for help in times of need

This week we will be reorganising our communication, support and care for everyone who is part of the Holy Trinity church community. To help us do this, please let Neil or Sunita know your contact details, even if you think we should know them.

Paper service sheets

If you would like a copy of the paper service sheet, or know someone who would like a copy, please let Neil know.