



All Together Sunday Worship

24th January 2021

**Jesus teaches his church on marriage,
divorce and children**

Reflection time before the service begins

Think about your experience of marriage - your parents', your own, that of friends, family and neighbours. Here's some statements about marriage which might help you reflect.

Marriage is:

For life For my happiness For the good of society

For as long as we are both happy For companionship

Full of fighting and sadness The only right place for sex

A good family party Hard work Boring

Should be easy No good if you argue

For being with "the one" For having someone to love

For reflecting the faithfulness and love of Jesus for his church

Doesn't work if you're incompatible Only between one man and one woman

For two adults of the same sex For any number of consenting adults

For legal protection Good for family finances

Good for children Sometimes bad for children

A blessing A struggle Not always best

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.** *(From Psalm 63)*

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: Lord from sorrows deep I call

Reading from the Bible (stand)

Mark 10:1-16



¹ Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³ “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵ “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she

divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



Reflecting on God’s Word

If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Living with h_____ hearts

Supporting and upholding m_____s

Being a b_____g to everyone who comes to Jesus

Praying Together

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God,
in mercy look upon our weakness
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch out your right hand to help and defend us,
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.

Affirming Our Faith - The 39 Articles of the Church of England

III. OF THE GOING DOWN OF CHRIST INTO HELL

AS Christ died for us, and was buried, so also is it to be believed, that he went down into Hell.

IV. OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

CHRIST did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day.

V. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

SONG: Jesus, Strong and Kind

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.

Covid Rules

Please do not speak with anyone after the service, unless you have organised to exercise together.

Notices

New locks have been fitted to the North and Car park Doors to improve church security. Sunita will be in touch with existing keyholders. If you have a set of keys and don't hear from Sunita, please contact her.

Maintenance work starting on the church buildings and grounds

Maintenance work, including scaffolding, starts on Monday 25th January for at least seven weeks. Please keep a safe distance when work is in progress. Ensure you only use the main door and side exit. If you see anyone on the scaffolding or acting suspiciously near the construction equipment when the contractor is not on site, please call the police.

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. Groups will start during the week of 11th January. 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.