



*This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since this Chapel was re-dedicated.*

*St Peter-on-the-Wall  
Bradwell-on-Sea  
Summer Evening Services*

*Evening Prayer from the BCP Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

*Evensong is a simple, peaceful worship service held in the late afternoon or early evening. It is a gentle time of mindfulness and reflection that helps people let go of the day's stress and turn trustfully toward the night.*

*For nearly 2000 years, Christian communities have gathered for prayer at the end of the day. Evensong is the Anglican expression of this tradition. Composed in 1549, when the Church of England was founded, it has been loved ever since for its beauty, simplicity and depth.*

**Evening Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer  
Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Introduction*

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. *Psalm 24.1*

*The minister introduces the service*

Welcome to our 6<sup>th</sup> online Chapel Evening Service.

**Hymn 1: To God be the Glory**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CeBoSQsBR0>

Dearly beloved,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;  
and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before  
the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and  
obedient heart;  
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge  
our sins before God;  
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands,  
to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

**All**    **Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires**

of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.

*A priest says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,  
the absolution and remission of their sins:  
he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent  
and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel.  
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,  
and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

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

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**All** and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.  
**All** O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**All** as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
**All** The Lord's name be praised.

*Psalm 86*

**86** Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

**<sup>2</sup> Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.**

**<sup>3</sup> Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.**

**<sup>4</sup> Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

**<sup>5</sup> For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.**

**<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

**<sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.**

<sup>9</sup> All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

**<sup>10</sup> For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

**<sup>12</sup> I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.**

<sup>13</sup> For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

**<sup>14</sup> O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.**

<sup>15</sup> But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

**<sup>16</sup> O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup> Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

**All    Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be**

**world without end. Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 11:41 – 12:20*

<sup>41</sup> And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

<sup>42</sup> And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

<sup>43</sup> And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

**12** And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

<sup>3</sup> That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

<sup>4</sup> Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

<sup>5</sup> And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

<sup>6</sup> And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

<sup>7</sup> And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

<sup>8</sup> But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

<sup>9</sup> And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

<sup>10</sup> And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

<sup>11</sup> And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

<sup>12</sup> So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

<sup>13</sup> And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

<sup>14</sup> And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

<sup>15</sup> Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

<sup>16</sup> So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

<sup>17</sup> But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

<sup>18</sup> Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

<sup>20</sup> And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

This is the word of the Lord

### **All Thanks be to God**

#### *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm.  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things.  
And the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel  
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen.

**All    Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
          and to the Holy Ghost;  
          as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
          world without end. Amen.**

*New Testament Reading: Acts 14.8-20*

<sup>8</sup> And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

<sup>9</sup> The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

<sup>10</sup> Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

<sup>11</sup> And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

<sup>12</sup> And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

<sup>13</sup> Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

<sup>14</sup> Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

<sup>15</sup> And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

<sup>16</sup> Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

<sup>18</sup> And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

<sup>19</sup> And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

<sup>20</sup> Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

*Nunc dimittis*

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen.

**All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

*Talk: By the Chaplain Revd Steven Poss <https://youtu.be/ILwBqbfPiEU>*

Chapel Evening Service – Trinity 9 – Proper 14

Sunday 9th August 2020

Psalm 86 - Supplication for Help against Enemies

Sermon

Psalm 86 is a prayer of David and is titled Supplication for Help against Enemies. This psalm reminds me of the words from St Paul in his letter to the Romans which we have heard recently where he writes that “26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[q] with sighs too deep for words.”

Here we see the Holy Spirit helping Paul to pray and I believe it was the same Holy Spirit that was helping King David in his words in this prayer too. The title of this prayer is supplication for help against enemies. We may not have any physical enemies at this moment in time, but the current challenges with the Covid-19 virus may seem like an enemy to us as it restricts us on what we can and cannot do. So as David cries out to God, so we also cry out to God with these same words of Psalm 86.

I myself like David and you and others can also testify that the Lord has helped us and comforted us in our own particular challenges through life. In this psalm David writes that he can call upon God at any time, not because God is awake or anything that David has done, but because of the covenant and steadfast love that God has for us, he has promised to love us from the beginning to the end through his covenant.

That doesn't mean that we can go about doing as we please, but we respond to God's love by loving him and our neighbour and growing in that love, so that our lives are full of love as God draws us into this deeper love with himself the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

David specifically says to God three things, for you O Lord are good, forgiving and abounding in steadfast love. He is kind of reminding himself of who God is and also saying to God that I recognise these attributes in you and had received these things in my life, the forgiveness of God, the goodness of God and the steadfast love and I can testify to receiving this from God too.

David also writes give me an undivided heart to revere your name. Beautiful words where David wants to set his heart on God alone, so that he can revere his name. How beautifully David has done that in the Psalms to all generations in these psalms which we inherit and use today. He has done this because he wants God to gladden the soul of his servant and be gracious to him in verses 3 and 4 and only God can do this, no other being or person can do this in the way that God does, he is unique as David says this in verse 9.

We think of our Gospel reading of the feeding of the five thousand where God interacts with his people and feeds them. No other God has done this to this who has reached out to us in this steadfast love who has showed us this compassion, and love and goodness as we say the final words of the psalm with David:-

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;

17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.  
May God comfort and protect us at this time, God bless.

*The Apostles' Creed*

**All** I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

*Hymn 2 O praise ye the Lord*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRauK1m7Pko>

*Prayers*

The Lord be with you.

**All** **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All** **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**All And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**All And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Three Collects are said.*

*The Collect of the Day*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

**All O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,**

**and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.**

*The Collect for Aid against all Perils*

**All Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**Hymn3: The Day Thou Gavest Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBOQnGWhb4U> with lyrics

**1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**2 We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.**

**3 As over each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**4 The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**5 So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

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