

Worship for Rogation Sunday May 17th



1. *This service begins outside Tillingham Church
We pray for the church*
2. *Then from a farm a St Lawrence
We pray for the land and the crops*
3. *Then from the sea at Bradwell
We pray all those working on the seas*
4. *Then from the Village Hall at Dengie
We pray for communities and our environment*
5. *Then the final blessing*

Read the service below and click on the links when you come to them.

<https://youtu.be/3BQX0cl5ZEQ>

Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VL9xXyLrq00>

Morning has broken,
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird;
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness,
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play;
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

This service begins outside St Nicholas Church Tillingham

Introduction by Revd Steven

<https://youtu.be/93A70AHIDpA>

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Today the Church celebrates Rogation Day, when we ask
God's blessing on crops of all kinds.

We come before you our God and Sustainer,
remembering that you are our Creator
and the source of all being.
Out of your love the universe was born.
From primordial darkness you put in place
all that is needed for growth and saw that it was good.
You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,
for the weak and the deprived.
Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given, with one another
and with the poor of the world.
Amen

End of Tillingham Link

Intercessions

We pray for The Church of Christ;

Holy God we pray for your church throughout the world, for all believers, for all clergy. For all those who seek God at home at this time where we are unable to meet in church. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of your Spirit and to recognise what our relationship with you has done for us. We pray for all who strive to tell all the Good News of the Gospel in new ways especially in these difficult times when we cannot meet together.

Teach us how to love your world, we pray for farmers, bless their endeavours, and their crops. May we value their work and not just seek cheap food at their cost. We pray for those who will go hungry or thirsty today, may they be filled and may we do what we can to see their needs are met.

We pray for those living in war torn countries and poverty as they deal with the coronavirus, we pray that the doctors can treat them as best as they can.

Today we have been asked to pray for the rebirth of Scripture Union Trinidad and Tobago's children's ministry at a Community Children's Home in Trinidad. SU Trinidad, where they will be ministering to at-risk children who are wards of the State.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Thomas Obadiah Chrisholm (1866-1960)

Tillingham Blessing by Revd Steven

<https://youtu.be/bXlbgkSyt7M>

St Lawrence West Newlands Farm

Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du-5yPKfSRc>

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

Chorus
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

Chorus

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Chorus

St Lawrence West Newlands Farm with Jane and Michael I

<https://youtu.be/LtgbbdQnRiQ>

Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and sea
should bear fruit in due season, bless the labours of all

those who work on land and sea. Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your care. Lord you have ordered our life that we are dependent on one another prosper those engaged in commerce direct our minds and hands in the service of you and all with whom we live and work. Grant O Lord that whatever gifts we have, they may be used to the full, for the enrichment of our lives together and for the coming of your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the good shepherd.

Amen.

End of St Lawrence Link

Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOVFvctxv6c>

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

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For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces, human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:
Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

Or For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIBkpAm3fhw>

St Lawrence West Newlands Farm with Jane and Michael 2

<https://youtu.be/tdH-wXY6wSo>

Reading: 2 Cor 9: v 6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while

they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Celebrate the wonders of creation

Collect Almighty God,
 whose will it is that the earth and the sea
 should bear fruit in due season:
 bless the labours
 of those who work on land and sea,
 grant us a good harvest
 and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
 Let the earth be fruitful
 and its resources be hallowed.
 We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Intercessions

We pray for Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority....

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

End of St Lawrence Recording Link

St Lawrence Blessing by Revd Steven

<https://youtu.be/ZA1BOL6jgy0>

Bradwell Waterside

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

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825-1878)

Bradwell Waterside I with Laurie, Brigid and Theresa

<https://youtu.be/aimpaUUYxqg>

Mark 4:35-41 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

End of Bradwell Waterside Link I

Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvRuYoIYx5Y&t=8s>

1 Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

2 Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

3 Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

4 Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,

like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

5 Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God. Michael Perry (1942-96)

Bradwell Waterside 2 with Laurie, Brigid and Theresa

<https://youtu.be/DJfTqbkL77E>

Prayer for seafarer

Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work at sea. Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress. Strengthen them when weary, lift them up when down and comfort them when far from their loved ones. In this life, bring them safely to shore and, in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom. For Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

Blessing Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
We ask in faith:

We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Intercessions

We pray for the community.....

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

End Bradwell Waterside Link 2

Bradwell Blessing by Revd Steven

<https://youtu.be/xAf4RAIrgaE>

Dengie Village Hall

Hymn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRwfTS_Ne0o

*Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together with love*

There is only one God
there is only one King
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing

Fit for the glory of God
purchased by His precious Blood
born with the right to be free:
Jesus the vict'ry has won

We are the fam'ly of God
we are His promise divine
we are His chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine. Bill Gillman ©1977 Kingsway's Thankyou Music)

Outside the Dengie Village Hall with Cassandra and Julian

<https://youtu.be/S-ZtBKoVGJU>

Matthew 6:25-34 *Do Not Worry*

²⁵ ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Prayer

God our father, we give thanks for the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was content to share the life of his village in Nazareth.

We ask you to bless the life of this *community* and this parish. We pray for all who live in this place, for all who work here, for all who regard this place as home (wherever they may now live) and for all who simply

pass through. May your blessing rest upon us all as
we live together in your peace.
We pray in the name of Jesus our peace.
Amen.

At a waste bin or at some litter

Prayer

Lord, in all that we do we generate waste;
we are profligate in the way we consume energy;
we throw away food without thought and we create
great mountains of rubbish.
Help us both as individuals and communities to value
your creation, not to treat the treasure you have
entrusted to us casually or as a thing that can ever be
replaced, but teach us to make better use of your gifts
and save us from squandering the world's resources,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

End of Dengie Link I

Hymn: How Great Thou art

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GKhDCsLrUg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc0QVWzCv9k>

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!*

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;

Then sings my soul..

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;

Then sings my soul..

When Christ shall come
with shout and 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!

Then sings my soul...

Russian Hymn tr. Stuart Hine 1899-1989

Outside St James Dengie with Cassandra and Julian

<https://youtu.be/gVskRhLh73w>

We pray for healing and the deceased

May we take a few moments to remember those who need healing – or have loved ones who need healing. We have been asked to pray for:

Sadie and family
Richard
Mary

Jean and Eddie Foster who are in complete lockdown
Terry Reynolds who is in Basildon hospital with a Heart attack,
Enid Seldon who is in hospital and her husband Clive who is in a home and missing her terribly
Barry and Jean Winn

Judi Embling

Sue Wilson
Beryl Dixon
Roger, from Redwood Park Bradwell

The Residents of Down Hall and Swan Care Home
And all known to us:

In this time of isolation around the world we pray for those whose suffering is unknown to us.

May we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever:
In your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

At this time, hear us as we remember those who died in the faith of Christ; we pray especially for all who mourn and all those loved by us yet seen no more. We Pray For:

Violet Adams funeral was on 15th at St Lawrence.

Percy Ashton this service is on 10th June.

Frank Farthing who's funeral is on 27 May and for his family.

Millicent Elizabeth Gentleman who's funeral is on 26 May and for family

Angus Bettany

Shirley Hill,

Thinking off – Richard and Natalie Bettany and family at this time at the sad loss of Richards father. Also, Joe and family after the death of Marie Kitchenham.

In a few seconds of quiet you may like to speak out the name of someone you know who needs the touch of blessing from Jesus;

May we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever:

Also we remember those that were going forward for Confirmation. That Our Father will sustain them and keep them safe for His kingdom until we are able to celebrate their dedication.

Lord in your mercy,

All Receive our prayers and respond to the longing of our hearts.

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

May we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.**

End of Dengie Link 2

Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend

Dengie Blessing by Revd Steven

<https://youtu.be/N9luWZ93VcA>

Final Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All. Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth

the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We conclude our Rogation Service with a hymn.

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

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Rogation Sunday History

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food.

The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, asking for God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Less of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment.

Traditionally a common feature of Rogation days was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister and churchwardens would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. As it is no longer practical to follow exact boundaries many services will be held that have a focus on specific elements of creation such as livestock, fields, orchards and gardens.

A prayer for Rogationtide

*Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.
Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.
Bless our labour, and give us all things needed for our daily lives.
Bless the homes of our parish and all who live within them.
Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.
Hear us, good Lord. **Amen.***

Sam Setchell - Diocesan of Worcester Communications Officer

*Below are some pictures of Rogation Rallies from the
1970's, 1980's 2017 & 2019*











