

Worship for Rogation Sunday May 9th



1. *This service begins outside Dengie Church
We pray for the church*
2. *Then from a farm at Tillingham
We pray for the world*
3. *Then from the sea at St Lawrence*
4. *We pray for the community at Bradwell*

The link will be: <https://youtu.be/CFJBjwc47ZY>

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Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth

This service begins outside St James Church Dengie

Introduction by Revd Steven ...

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

Intercessions

- *The Church of Christ, our local church, and Diocese*

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.
Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches, great city cathedrals and on the internet. Give us here in our parishes a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go.
Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Tillingham Farm

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.

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter

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

- *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*

Creator God, the world so often seems to be a violent and fearful place. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who by violence and acts terrorism distort and demonise your wonderful creation.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

St Lawrence looking over the sea

Hymn *Here is love as vast as the ocean*

Reading from Mark 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!”

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.

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,

Intercessions

- *The local community, our families, friends, and neighbours.*

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others.

Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Bradwell Village

Hymn *Bind us together, Lord*

Outside the Church

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.**

Intersessions

- *Those who suffer*
- *The communion of saints, the departed and the bereaved*

Loving God, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit and from the Coronavirus. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us to console the sorrowful and give hope to all.

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:

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

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;

Lord in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

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

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

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.**

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

Final Blessing ...

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: For the beauty of the earth john rutter choir



Sunday 9th May 2021

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday

Notices

Spiritual Communion

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Spiritual Communion

Time: May 9, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83987818679?pwd=cmZjSXdXY1RYRDMzQ0dHbkRNS1NkZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 8781 8679

Passcode: 675324

Bible Study

I plan to start our Bible Study again at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th May via zoom looking at the Gospel of Mark. The zoom details are below:-

Time: May 12, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82238650936?pwd=LzMzMms5dTFNNEE1M0w0Y0lvMXRWdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 3865 0936

Passcode: 417348

Thy Kingdom Come Initiative – Please read the information via the link below and join in with prayer from Thursday to 23 May

[Thy Kingdom Come! | Chelmsford Diocese \(anglican.org\)](#)

St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting

Time: May 12, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86386931598?pwd=d29acDFLcnpjdG93UWtvU0h1RGFqUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 8693 1598

Passcode: 828518

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