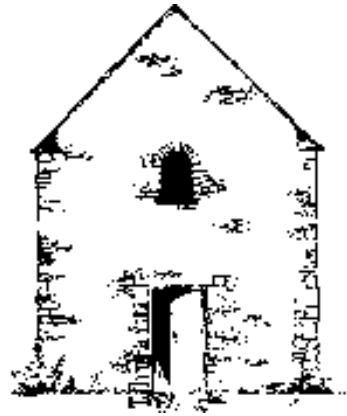


Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

St Peter-on-the-Wall Bradwell-on-Sea

Summer Evening Prayer



**Opening**     The earth is the Lord's  
**and everything in it.**  
Let all the people give God praise  
**and all creation bless God's name.**

God of the longest days,  
may my life be a long day for you,  
always reflecting your light.  
Open, awake.

**Song**            ***Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*** (click on the link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

**Psalm 56**     Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;  
                    all day long foes oppress me;  
<sup>2</sup> my enemies trample on me all day long,  
                    for many fight against me.  
O Most High, <sup>3</sup> when I am afraid,  
                    I put my trust in you.  
<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
                    in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
                    what can flesh do to me?  
  
<sup>5</sup> All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
                    all their thoughts are against me for evil.  
<sup>6</sup> They stir up strife, they lurk,  
                    they watch my steps.  
As they hoped to have my life,  
<sup>7</sup>    so repay<sup>[a]</sup> them for their crime;  
                    in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!  
  
<sup>8</sup> You have kept count of my tossings;  
                    put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your record?

<sup>9</sup> Then my enemies will retreat  
on the day when I call.  
This I know, that <sup>[b]</sup> God is for me.  
<sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,  
<sup>11</sup> in God I trust; I am not afraid.  
What can a mere mortal do to me?  
<sup>12</sup> My vows to you I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank-offerings to you.  
<sup>13</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
and my feet from falling,  
so that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

May summer and sunshine praise you.  
**May streets and hillsides praise you.**  
May wind and blossom praise you.  
**May plants and treetops praise you.**  
May books and pictures praise you.  
**May fish and birdsong praise you.**  
May thought and action praise you.  
**May earth and seashore praise you.**  
May all that breathe praise you.  
**Let us praise the King of glory.**

## Old Testament reading

2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1

### ***David Anointed King of Judah***

*2 <sup>1</sup>After this David inquired of the Lord, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The Lord said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' <sup>2</sup> So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. <sup>3</sup> David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in*

*the towns of Hebron. <sup>4</sup> Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.*

*When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', <sup>5</sup> David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the Lord, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! <sup>6</sup> Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. <sup>7</sup> Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'*

### ***Ishbaal King of Israel***

*<sup>8</sup> But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. <sup>9</sup> He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. <sup>10</sup> Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. <sup>11</sup> The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.*

### ***Abner Defects to David***

*3 <sup>1</sup>There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.*

**Lament** For the rain forests gone,  
and the deserts caused by human destruction,  
**dear God, we grieve with you.**  
For polluted seas, dirty streets and litter,  
**dear God, we grieve with you.**  
For not being content to savour the simple gifts of creation,  
**dear God, we grieve with you.**

**Taizé** Bless the Lord

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Svh-9ohg4&list=RDt4Svh-9ohg4&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Svh-9ohg4&list=RDt4Svh-9ohg4&start_radio=1)

## New Testament reading

*Luke 18:31-19:10*

### ***A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection***

*<sup>31</sup> Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. <sup>33</sup> After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' <sup>34</sup> But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

### ***Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho***

*<sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth<sup>[a]</sup> is passing by.' <sup>38</sup> Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>39</sup> Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>40</sup> Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' <sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.*

### ***Jesus and Zacchaeus***

***19** He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must*

*stay at your house today.’<sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’*

### **Chapel Evening Service Sunday 5th July 2020**

**Sermon** by Revd Steven Poss <https://youtu.be/c3gLLZiuswg>

Welcome to the first of our online summer chapel evening services over July and August. Usually, we would be holding these services in the chapel, but due to the current restrictions and the large gatherings around the chapel at weekends, we have decided to hold these services online.

From today’s readings, I would like to speak on Psalm 56 from this evening’s lectionary readings. Psalm 56 speaks of the psalmist’s trust in God alone and this is a great message for us at this time. Perhaps the most striking feature of the psalm is the repeated combination of fear and trust, which is very human like to me.

The psalmist looks forward to the time of salvation. Although he seems to speak as an individual, ‘trampled’ by enemies speaking cruel words and in danger of people eager for his life, a national picture appears in the expression for the foes, these are warring and numerous, peoples or nations to be cast down in the fury of the Warrior-God.

The sufferer can therefore be understood to be a King, bearing in his own soul hostilities against his land and nation from other peoples. Some scholars believe this to be the story of King David in 1 Samuel 21:10-15 or 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2. He appeals to God to bring down the pride of human armies and he looks forward to serving in peace before the face of God.

Through the great number of assailants, The call for God's speedy help. How can he be trusted, God's word with his commitments and promises are to be praised and wholly trustworthy. The true power of God will surely come. The psalmist sets the word of God; praising that word, he is enabled to trust and to cast out fear, perceiving the emptiness of human might in comparison with the power of God. At the same time he brings his grief to God, and penitence for sins, for he knows that every tear is taken up and treasured by God.

The Lord promises to bring us abundant life and life to the full, so we, who are also suffering at this time, to put our trust in God and his word at this time to lead us out of this pandemic and back into life and a life that is full, **Amen.**

**Song:** *'Touch the Earth lightly' if that's of use.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-js8Ko2qU1I>

**Intercessions**                      We thank you for colours of day;

**put colour into jaded lives.**

We thank you for brightness of sun;

**put brightness into faded lives.**

We thank you for growth of green;

**put growth into stunted lives.**

Creator God, teach us to care for your earth,  
and to be good stewards of all that is in it.

**May our eyes be open to see your hand in nature;  
may our hands be open to cherish your gifts in the material  
things around.**

May we learn how to live in harmony with your laws.

As the sun circles the world,  
**circle this land, O God.**

Circle the soil and the waters,  
**keep harm without, keep good within.**

Circle the crops, circle the homes,  
**keep mistreatment without, keep care within.**

**Taizé' song** Holy Spirit come to us

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**Closing**      May the blessing of the Sun of suns be on you,  
giving you light without and light within,  
so that the light shines out of your eyes.  
May the blessing of the rain and the earth and the wind be on you.  
The blessing of the Three be always on you.



Full play list:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-v3HHJqZACzVz4mVOhwn7l3fvVbw0G4V>

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