

## Trinity 11 — August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020



### A Service for all the Church Family

The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to readers, hymns and music etc. (This can be activated directly from the document sent to you by email, or on the internet at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/>) and used as normal or 'save' the service document, open it afresh and the links can be activated with the service sheet remaining in place). Alternatively, you can open two browsers on your screen, one to keep the service sheet visible and the other to activate the links. [Family Time Activities are at the end of the service sheet:](#)

*Hymn 1: God is love, his the care*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gjju\\_BKA1PE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gjju_BKA1PE)

*We say together the words printed in bold.*

### Gathering to worship God

#### *Greeting*

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Welcome to our all age this Trinity 11 Sunday Service.*

### *Opening Prayer*

**All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn 2: Meekness and majesty*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtt52JEW\\_Zo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtt52JEW_Zo)

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.*

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Saying sorry to God

### *Confession*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

*God's forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,  
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,  
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Praise*

Blessed is the Lord

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song we will praise our God.**

*Hymn 3: There's a wideness in God's mercy*

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

## Hearing and responding to the Word of God

*Readings*

**The first reading is from Romans 12.1-8**

**A Living Sacrifice**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **Humble Service in the Body of Christ**

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **The second reading is from Matthew 16.13-20**

read by Cassie <https://youtu.be/4bsgBeNBmBI>

### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** By Rev Brigid Main

<https://youtu.be/-BQOah1uvzk>

May I speak in the name of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Well, I want to begin by asking you ‘how is your garden’? Ours has definitely flourished over these last few months. Being able to spend time out there, planting, lots of weeding and remembering to water!

Thinking about that, and the word flourish enabled me to ask another question.

How have you flourished over these months of lockdown?

And more importantly, perhaps, how can we enable others to flourish as we worship in new ways. As we go through the next few months, we are going to be worshipping sometimes on line and sometimes together. We need to ensure that everybody is enabled to flourish.

Looking at today’s gospel reading we might begin to discover how Jesus can help us. How did Jesus enable his disciples to flourish, to come to know the kingdom and the Father?

Well, he used a lot of stories and he used questions. In St John’s gospel there are 20 questions that Jesus used.

Today, in this story we see Jesus enabling his disciples by beginning with a question. He is encouraging them to discover for themselves who he is.

Let’s look a little closer at this story. First of all, where they are is quite important. The city of Caesarea Philippi is next to a spring and grotto devoted to the worship of the god Pan. A heathen place of worship. No Jew would go there, it would be like going into the ‘red light’ district. It is here that Jesus stops with his disciples and says ‘tell me who do the people say that I am?’ They reply with ‘well some say John the Baptist or Elijah but everyone thinks that you’re a great prophet’. ‘Yes’, says Jesus ‘but who do you say that I am’?

And Peter, Peter says ‘you are Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God’. Jesus says ‘well done Peter, it was God the father who gave you those words.’

And that can happen to us sometimes, when we are praying or with someone, we can find ourselves saying unexpected words that help and we know are God given. Sometime ago I was chatting with someone and I had no idea that she was lonely. We were talking about the 23rd psalm and I found myself saying – ‘you need to read this; it says that you need never be lonely because I am with you’. Those were the words she needed to hear at that moment. They were God given.

So, this is what has happened to Peter. He’s come out with this amazing statement – ‘you are the Messiah’. No-one has said that before. They probably never dared even begin to think it.

You are the Messiah, the son of the Living God. And Jesus says ‘Peter, I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

It is on that statement, ‘Jesus is the Son of God’, that the church is built, and that our belief is founded on.

Then at the end there is a strange sentence where Jesus tells the disciples not to say anything about this. But surely that's what we are supposed to do? Maybe in this context we see Jesus encouraging and teaching his disciples and telling them that they are not to go around shouting that they have found the Messiah until they understand and have been through the crucifixion, resurrection and Pentecost.

So, what does all this have to say for us today? Perhaps it just reminds us that our faith and our belief is founded on Jesus. We don't have to go around with a placard saying Jesus is the Son of God, we have to live our lives knowing and believing in Jesus. Believing in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit founded on Jesus. In following Jesus our lives will change in such a way that people will ask us the questions. 'Why do you do that? Why do you work with those people? We can answer and say 'because Jesus is the Son of God' and talk about the difference that knowing Jesus makes in our lives.

So that's what today's story is about.

I would like to finish with a prayer written by Laurie.

**'Who Am I?'**

**Peter, who am I?**

Our father, who art in heaven.

**Blest are you for saying this.**

Hallowed be your name.

**Peter, what do you want from me?**

Thy kingdom come.

**It will, it will.**

Thy will be done.

**Amen, amen.**

In earth, as it is in heaven.

**But what do you really want of me?**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**I have done, I will.**

Forgive us our trespasses.

**Willingly, lovingly.**

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

**Those whom you forgive, I forgive.**

Lead us not into temptation.

**You will have to deny me first**

But deliver us from evil.

**But you will be delivered. I have already said so.**

For thine is the kingdom.

**Peter, you do understand what you're saying – don't you?**

The power and the glory.

**Peter, look at me. Speak to ME.**

For ever and ever.

**Peter, don't cut me off! Not now!**

Amen.

**Peter, why won't you talk to ME?**

*Hymn 4: All that I am, all that I do*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3Xona5g76k>

### *Affirmation of Faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession* by Diane Lystor

Let us pray for the Church. for the world, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Jesus said to his Disciples; "This, then is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...."

Heavenly Father, we give thanks that you gave us Jesus to show us how to reach out to you in prayer as a loving parent. Through him we know we can approach you without fear, bringing everything to you, for your loving guidance. For without you we are as nothing because we can so easily lose our way and become distracted by worldly things that do not matter. Help

us now to come through this on-going lockdown period without becoming isolated and uncaring. Push us Lord to be a force for good in your name.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

In Isaiah we read "Listen to me, my people; ...the law will go out from me, my justice will become a light to the nations." In the power of these words we bring you the troubled areas in our world that are in such need of your guidance and love: the United States as they move towards their Presidential election; Belarus in a post-election state of upheaval, turmoil and uncertainty; the millions of displaced people housed in refugee camps in Bangladesh, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq and Yemen and all the relief agencies who work tirelessly to bring them some kind of hope and comfort. We also bring to you for your guidance the nearer to home situation with Asylum Seekers arriving from across the Channel. Guide those in authority to speak and behave with compassion and kindness towards these lost and desperate people who are not illegal immigrants as they are so often called. May a feeling of compassion and understanding flow through our nation and become and become a force for good.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

In the last two weeks many of our teenagers have received their exam results upon which rests their hopes for the future. The muddle, Lord, has upset many and caused confusion. May those in authority keep the light of your justice and truth as their guide over the coming months.

We give thanks for our local communities, those who continue to help one another with shopping and socially distanced visits, our local shops that keep those without transport supplied with essentials and the Foodbank for its continual efforts to help those in severe need.

We bring to for your loving and healing touch those known to us who are sick at this time. In particular we remember: Wyn Edwards; Cally Thorpe; Josh Pitman; Sue Wilson Beryl; Dixon Georgia; Shirley Mee; and Andy Smith.

Lord in your great mercy

**Hear our prayer**

In that same spirit we remember those who have departed this life and gone to their eternal rest with you in Heaven.



We remember Mick Garwood who died this week and we pray for Molly, Richard, Penny and family. And Alan Baker, we pray for his wife Yvonne and his family. Also, Irene Reeds from Tillingham on Tuesday. Please pray for Patricia and family. And we ask that you hold Archdeacon Elizabeth in your prayers after her husband passed away.

We also bring to you for your loving comfort all those who grieve, may they know the comfort and joy of your presence as they adjust to a life without the person they love.

Lord in your loving mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Please also pray for John and Lorraine Holliday who had a straw lorry crash into the front of their house. They are both OK, but need to sort a lot of things out.

And last, but by no means least, keep us strong Lord, keep us true Lord, in the Kingdom of your Son.

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

**Concluding prayer of the people**

**Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation; because you care for us and for our prayer.**

**May our love for you and our likeness to you be strengthened every time we pray.**

**Amen.**

Merciful Father,

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

**Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.

## Going out to serve God

*Hymn 5: You shall go out with joy*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OH0XbpNY2g8>

### *This prayer may be said*

A blessing on the season of growth,  
A blessing on all that is done:  
The blessing of the fertile Creator,  
The blessing of the virile Son,  
The blessing of the Spirit, sustaining,  
May God and the earth be one.

**All Amen.**

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Blessing Song: For the beauty of the earth*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTOfSKXkRa0>

## **Notices**

These **Online Services** will continue for those wanting to continue worshipping at home.

(To view this service playlist, click below, come back to this sheet for the readings and the prayers for today)

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6lOn\\_prE9pQE2TG304fV6LIPOnnn-fYu](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6lOn_prE9pQE2TG304fV6LIPOnnn-fYu)

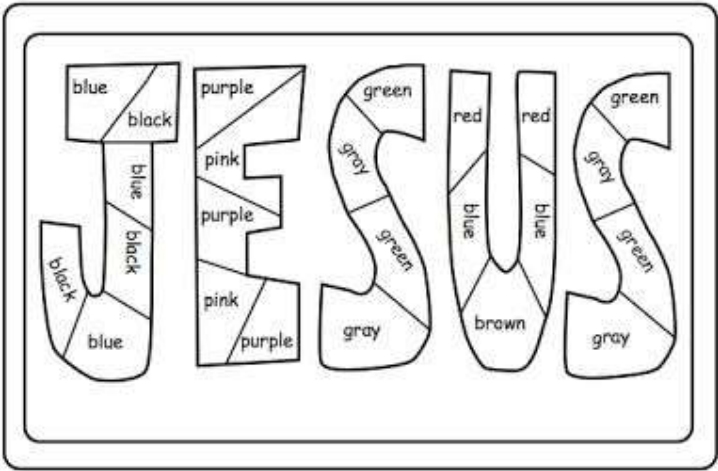
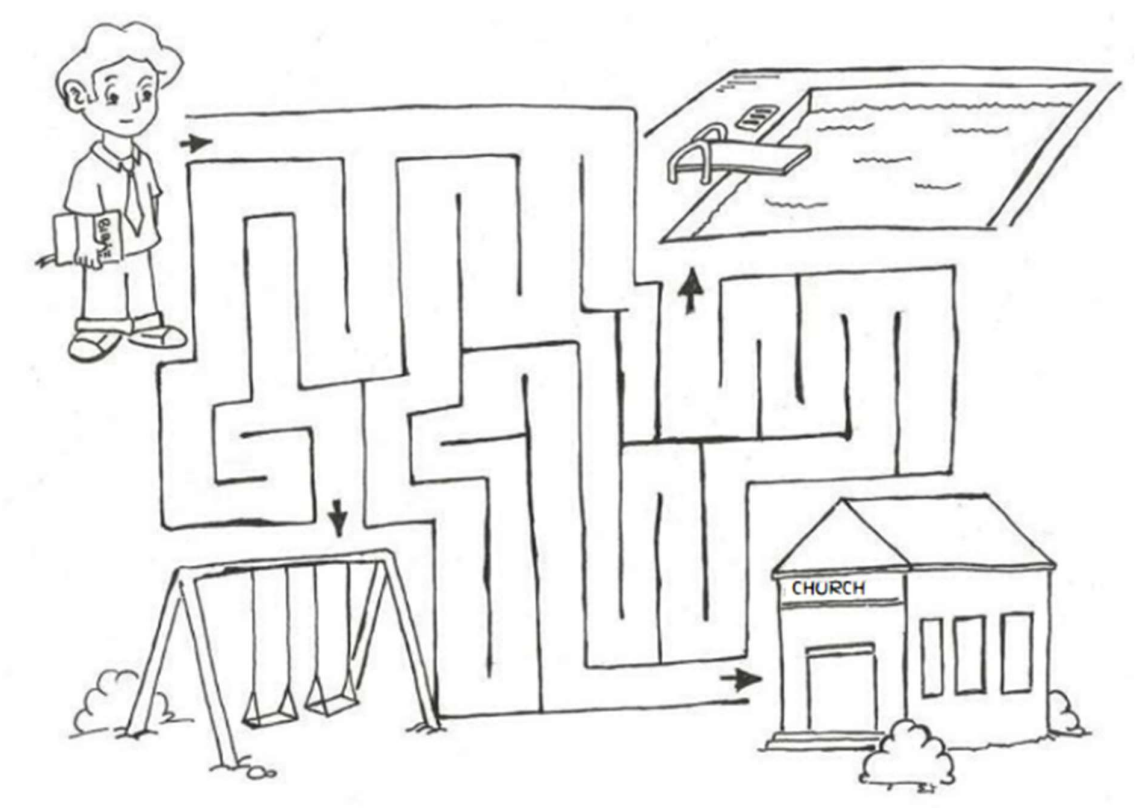
Live **Zoom communions** will take place each Sunday at 9am, the link will be on this service sheet each week. A Communion Service sheet is available to print out to follow these Zoom services. See: <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/assets/documents/zoom-sheet>

However, there is no Zoom service this week because Rev Steven is on holiday.

The **St Peter's Chapel Summer Evening Services** will be online, see <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6204/>

If you wish to have this week's **Family Time Activities** from St Augustine's Springfield Essex, please send me an email and I will send them to you: [davidthorpe227@btinternet.com](mailto:davidthorpe227@btinternet.com)

Children’s activities



JESUS  
LOVES ME

