

Trinity 13 — September 6th 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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCnQNwQG5GI>

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 13 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: El Shaddai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clt8BoHb0JE>

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

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: He has made me glad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGf9vqrkCo8>

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Readings

The first reading is from Romans 13.8-end

Love for One Another

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

The second reading is from Matthew 18.15-20

<https://youtu.be/EBFWuRNqTTY>

Reproving Another Who Sins

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth

will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon: By Rev Steven Poss

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AvtnMQ5RfiG8wYQ&cid=961938B09203086C&id=961938B09203086C%211276&parId=961938B09203086C%21238&o=OneUp>

Reconciliation & Forgiveness

We continue on from last week, where we were thinking about taking up our cross and following Jesus daily, which, as we heard from Paul in his passage from Romans, was to try and live in peace with one another and loving our neighbours as best we can.

This week is a clear example of how to do this, where there is dispute amongst two people and Jesus's advice on how to go about rectifying it.

Our Lord's advice is first for the person who feels harmed against to go and speak to the person directly who they feel has harmed them in some way. If this does not work, then for the person who has been harmed to go and find one or two persons to come along to act as witnesses to speak to the person again. If this fails, then the person is to take it to the church.

You may be asking, did they not have church's in the time of Jesus, and why is this account so unique to Matthew? Well, Matthew is writing to an established Jewish Christian community church at some time twenty years after the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. As the Jewish people would have had specific laws to deal with such issues, they would be enquiring what do they do now in such events, now they are part of a Christian community church? And so, Matthew includes this very important passage from Jesus to address such situations.

It may be difficult for us to go and address a person if we feel they have harmed us in any way, especially in a close community as a church. But Jesus would like us to deal with the situation right away before it manifests itself into something bigger than it could be. Jesus does not want us to live with the issue more than it need be, so he is encouraging us to deal with the issue straight away and directly, rather than going about our own ways, which can often make the situation much worse.

In this, as in all situations in life, we are to ask for God's grace, strength and mercy in order to deal with such situations without blowing our own gasket and running off in a hump. As we do so, we ask the Lord, to bring his love to the situation, so that situations can be restored, so that we can continue to live our lives in love and peace with one another.

Jesus also asks us to be like children to enter the Kingdom of God. Here, I think our Lord means that we are to be as innocent and willing as children in receiving God's word in our lives. If we take

Jesus's words as God's word, then we have respect for these words and think that they are best for us and our lives.

We are to act in ways which represent our Lord Jesus. Why do we this, because restoration is at the heart of God, Amen.

Some questions

- How shall we bind ourselves closer to one another, the world and to God?
- What bridges can we build?
- What reconciliation do we need to initiate?
- How do we bind people closer to Christ?
- What might we each do to liberate another?

A Prayer from the Ignatian Community on today's Gospel

As I prepare for my time of prayer with the Lord, I become aware of what lies in my heart and mind today. I pray for God's gift of inner attention to him alone. I surrender myself to the power of the Holy Spirit through this prayer time and beyond, into my day. Knowing there is no need to rush, I read the Gospel slowly, receptively. Perhaps I imagine Jesus is speaking to me personally. I pay attention ... relishing and drinking in the words I am hearing. I ask God to guide my heart, allowing his words to resonate within my being. I am silent, receptive ... Reading the passage again, I notice what stirs within me. Do I have a sense of being part of a Christian community ...? ... a sense of belonging to Christ when I pray with and for others ...? Or maybe it has been difficult at this time to feel a sense of belonging to church? I take care not to judge. I speak from the depth of my experience to the God who speaks to me. In expectant stillness I listen for God, noticing how my heart or body are responding. Perhaps God is inviting me to help with the work of building community in some way ... whether in church or elsewhere? I ask for any grace I need. In time, I end my prayer slowly, praying for the gift of a deepening sense of belonging to the Body of Christ.

Hymn 4: In Christ alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=887jcen5Pec>

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 Kimberley Eyre

Let us pray to the Lord, who knows all the secrets of our hearts.

The Church of Christ

Lord, we are sustained by the traditions of the Church, the knowledge that Christians have worshipped you for two thousand years inspired by the Bible. This knowledge is a source of strength, and a very present help in these uncertain times. But you are also the living water from the well of heaven, the bread of life that must be renewed daily.

***Lord, show us how to worship you in all your facets:
in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

Lord, inspire the rulers of our nations to use their power to protect and provide for the weak, not to ignore their needs for expedient gratification; to serve the people in the cause of truth, justice and mercy. For the trappings of power may be glorious and golden, but they do but mask our common humanity. Let it never be forgotten that it is you, our God, king of kings, who is ruler of all.

***Lord, show us how to worship you in all your facets:
in your mercy, hear our prayer***

The local community

Lord, we thank you for all who work for our local community both the key workers who serve us, frequently going above and beyond their paid duties, and also the volunteers that that serve our villages.

We thank the teachers and other staff who this week returned to school to deliver full-time face-to-face teaching for the first time since March. Let us also remember the many parents for whom this meant sending their children away, for the first time since this began, from the relative security of their own homes to mix with the wider community. Let the safety measures in place in schools keep them and their families healthy.

***Lord, show us how to worship you in all your facets:
in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Those who suffer

Lord, you see the pain of the whole world, whether it be public or secret. We ask you to keep your people from reaching the depths of despondency and despair: let them feel the reality of hope for the morrow. May all those in pain know the reality of your presence, and that underneath are your everlasting arms. We pray for: Wyn Edwards; Cally Thorpe; Josh Pitman; Sue Wilson Beryl; Dixon Georgia; Shirley Mee; and Andy Smith.

We also pray for all residents at Down Hall, Swan Care, and others known only to you.

***Lord, show us how to worship you in all your facets:
in your mercy, hear our prayer***

The communion of saints

Lord, we give thanks for the peace of the departed, whose journey is over and who now rest in your care. Give comfort and strength to those who mourn their passing. And may we all be reunited in the glory of your heaven.

**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: Jesus is Lord, Creation's Voice Proclaims It

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HHYt40whHQ>

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: The Irish blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TascsWZPj8U>

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Notices

1. 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_prE9pT-k4swDP5wUrc-PNou8ti

2. 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
3. I and the Churchwardens have decided that parishioners should now just go to their normal church for the time being, due to restrictions on numbers.
4. Ella who leads the choir at Bradwell is looking to start some singing sessions using zoom. If you are interested, please let me know and I will forward your details to Ella.
5. Please click the link below to read the latest edition of The View from Bishop Peter.
[The View edition 14](#)
6. There will be a Bible Study via Zoom on Monday evenings, starting on 7th September from 7.30-9pm. The link is as follows:-
Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Bible Study
Time: Sep 7, 2020 07:30 PM London
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77260895771?pwd=cm9lalE3QytTclldadENTcFZZeUVMZz09>
Meeting ID: 772 6089 5771
Passcode: 1LxJzg

7. We have decided on the service pattern for the next 4 months which can be requested from Revd Steven or the Churchwardens. The Christmas services will be reviewed in November.
8. With regards to the new additional midweek services. The dates for these will be published soon and will not include Tillingham for the time being as they are just restarting.
9. Mark Tiddy, our Diocesan Youth Adviser is leaving his post on 20 September to become a web developer for a local company in Colchester.
10. There are two online events coming up, firstly the Christian Festival of Pilgrimage on 14 September. For more information visit <https://pilgrimage.hymnsam.co.uk/>

The Festival of Preaching is on Tuesday 29 September. For more information visit <https://festivalofpreaching.hymnsam.co.uk/2020-virtual-festival/>