

Trinity 9 August 9th 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: Eternal Father strong to save

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

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 7 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: 8 Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>

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

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in 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: 172 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness (Ode to Joy)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgsjGx7n3hg&list=RDlgsjGx7n3hg&start_radio=1

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Readings

The first reading is from Genesis 37.1-4,12-28

Joseph Dreams of Greatness

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.^[a] ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves^[a] that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The 2nd reading is: Romans 10.5-15

Salvation Is for All

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because^[a] if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Music: Psalm 91 "My God, In Him I Will Trust" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67wC6-kWWS0>

The third reading is from Matthew 14.22-33

By Laurie Main https://youtu.be/t517_XX3O4

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon: By Graham Martin

Readings: Genesis 37 v.1-4 & 12-28. Joseph is sold by his brothers into slavery

Matthew 14 v.22-33

Peter walks on the water in a storm

Romans 10 v.5-15

"If you confess with your mouth"

Have you ever said something, and subsequently regretted that you said it?

However much you apologise - or are forgiven - you cannot forget it. Words are very powerful.

So, words can hurt and wound; but words can also bring reconciliation and healing. Sometimes words may even change someone's life!

Our three readings all contain examples of situations in which words spoken have a significant impact on the lives of people and the course of history. But they also have an impact on us! There are lessons for us to learn.

"Let's kill him". The sons of Jacob - Joseph's brothers – would surely have remembered saying these words years later when they stood before Joseph in Pharaoh's Court! Judgement was hanging over them and they pleaded for mercy.

"Let's NOT kill him": four words from young Reuben that changed the course of history. Words that had the compassion and wisdom of God ringing through them. Reuben might have been afraid of his 10 big brothers and their deadly plot, but that did not stop him from speaking the words that came from God. Joseph did not avoid suffering, but he was used by God to rescue a nation.

We sometimes need to ask God, 'What shall I say?' – and listen for that word of inspiration that comes into our mind.

"Tell me to come to you on the water". Good old Peter – impetuous, enthusiastic, bold - yet again! But Jesus might have said, "Don't be stupid – stay where you are", but he didn't. Jesus admired Peter's willingness to take a risk and step out and walk where He was walking. Can we learn something from that as we strive to follow Jesus?

The reply that Jesus gave is interesting: "Come"! Not "Are you sure you want to?" or even "Let me help you". Peter took the initiative – and learned from it. And sometimes we hear Jesus say "Come" in our own walk as disciples. That may be comforting or it may be a challenge!

'It is with your mouth that you confess and are saved'

It is very important that we each build up our personal relationship with God by talking to him and listening to him. We talk to him in prayer and we listen by reading the Word of God.

Our Father wants to listen to what is on our hearts and minds, and he often puts words into our minds as we 'chat' with him. 'Saying' prayers has its place in collective worship, but that is different to the one-to-one chat that builds up our relationship with Father. Some people find it difficult to pray spontaneously (off the cuff), but it is very important to work at it because it pleases our Father – just as any parent is pleased when his/her young child begins to use language with competence.

The Bible is God's word and we need to get to know it by regular personal reading. It is a good idea to always ask our Father the question, 'What are you saying to me in the words that I am reading?'

Some people find reading the Bible is boring or difficult to understand; so it is a good idea to start with Luke and Acts (written by a doctor who was not a Jew) which are easy reading and packed with inspiration.

But it is not just for us – we need to encourage each other as we share our experiences. We need to talk to one another about answers to prayer and things we have discovered in the Bible. And – who knows - we may get the opportunity to share our 'good news' with people who don't go to church!

And if we don't share the good news with them, how will they ever come to know our loving God? **Amen.**

Hymn 4: Through all the changing scenes of life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox1r0Ozlwoo>

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 Revd Brigid <https://youtu.be/dusKCtMI9Pk>

Lord we pray in faith, our tiny mustard seed of faith we pray to the Lord who brings healing, but the Lord also who speaks out against injustice
We pray for our country and our community. We pray also for those migrants fleeing poverty and injustice. Lord May they receive respect and justice wherever they land. May it be your justice and may those who have responsibilities here and in other countries act justly.

Lord you open your hands

And you meet our needs

We pray for the people of Beirut. We pray that you will raise up those who can bring the aid and stability needed

Lord we pray for all those who work to bring healing. Lord we know when we pray sometimes that healing is miraculous and sometimes it is purely through your Spirit and other times it comes through the hands of others. So we pray for all who work to bring healing. In hospitals, hospices, care homes, all who have healing hands. And for those who bring spiritual healing.

Lord we pray with our little faith for ourselves that as we grow our faith will deepen so that we can more and more put our trust in you. And as we put our trust in you, you will open the path that leads us on. We pray for those whose faith feels lost. Those who are crying out to you and cannot see.

Lord you open your hands

And you meet our needs

We bring before you now those people on our hearts and those on our prayer list who are in need of your healing and in faith we bring them to you.

Wyn Edwards

Cally Thorpe

Josh Pitman

Ryan Smith

Eddie Foster

Ann Cowell

Sue Wilson

Beryl Dixon

We pray too for all living and working in our care homes – Down Hall and The Swan keep them safe, Lord.

As I write these prayers this morning the ambulance has come to Wyn a neighbour and stalwart of St Thomas'. So a very special prayer for your spirit of healing to be on Wyn and those caring for her.

Lord you open your hands

And you meet our needs

We remember now all who have passed beyond the storms of life and are now at peace in your eternal presence.

We pray especially for

Mrs. Florence Ann Margaret Peskett

We ask for your peace for their families.

Lord you open your hands

And you meet our needs

As we go we pray ever present God, be in the ordinary moments of this day. The cleaning the house, feeding kids, washing clothes, driving to work, walking the dog, on our own, in a crowd, drinking tea, demanding and unwinding moments.

Be the song that we sing in our busyness and rest, the ever present friend on whom we can depend.

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: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3dHeRB2c3g>

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 Lord Bless You And Keep You - Westminster Abbey Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZN1mryHENQ>

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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=PL-v3HHJqZACwI3hefNIUEjsmjmJogRgYp>

Communion Services will now be taking place in one parish per a week, this Sunday it will be at St James' and next Sunday at the Centre. If possible, please stay within your communities. **Please note: anyone attending services MUST from now on wear face covering (masks) unless for specific reasons.**

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>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619135168?pwd=VkhHRjhmdjNKMnlwS0Q1d2NrZ1dPQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 1913 5168

Passcode: 160642

The **St Peter's Chapel Summer Evening Services** will be online, see

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6204/>

Click below:

https://media.acny.uk/media/Chapel_evensong.pdf

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:

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