

**St John's, Bourne End
worshipping together while we are apart**

Confession

Sunday 19th April 2020

I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.

Remember, although we may be physically apart, we are together in spirit as we worship God together for we are all part of God's family at St John's.

Rebecca

Gathering

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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his love endures for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

You are my God, I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Pause to allow us to experience God's presence with us

God so loves the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life.

Take a moment to bring to mind those things you wish to confess to our heavenly Father this morning?

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Listen to what the Bible says: 'If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'

1 John 1.8-9

Collect

**Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.**

Pause to reflect

Praise

Now say these verses from Psalm 16

**Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Psalm 16.5-8

Pause for thought

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Readings

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

John 20.19-end

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Talk

Rebecca Fardell

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'
(John 14.27).

Pause to hear Jesus speaking his words of peace to you this morning.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Prayers

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5.7

Let's spend some time praying. You might like to include some or all of these things in your prayers:

- Our leaders, scientists, health workers and all working to help us navigate the coronavirus crisis
- Our neighbours and community as they face the effects of the crisis
- For all who mourn
- Our church family: may we grow nearer to God and to one another
- Our family and ourselves

Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from St John's for a chat?

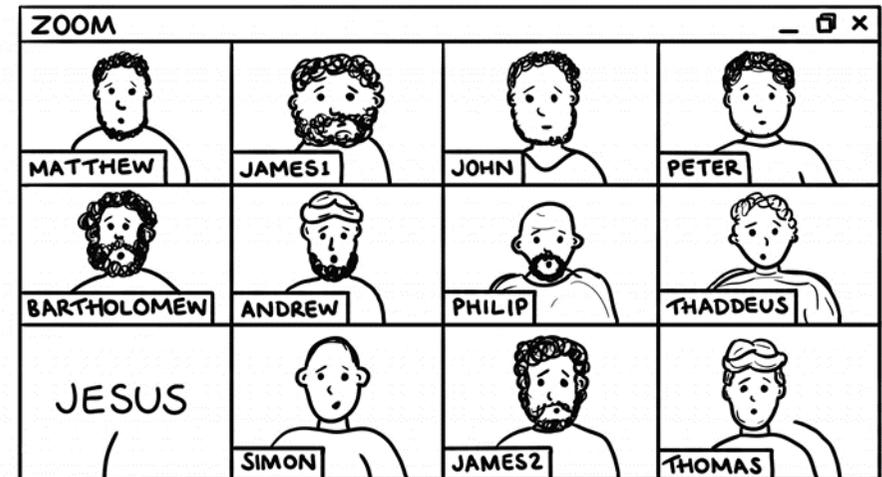
We bring all our prayers together by praying the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Closing prayer

Why not picture the people from St John's who you would normally see on a Sunday and pray this blessing for all your church family?

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
equip us to serve and worship you,
now and always. Amen**



HEY.
HOW ON EARTH IS HE IN THE MEETING?
UNLESS HE TURNS ON HIS CAMERA, I WILL NOT BELIEVE IT

Tim Wakeling