**St John’s, Bourne End**

**worshipping together while we are apart**

**Sunday 14th June 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***

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

**Let us recognize his presence with us.**

*Pause to allow us to experience God’s presence with us*

As God’s people we have gathered:

**let us worship him together.**

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.

Give us new hearts and constant wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Confession***

As we come into God’s presence, we are aware of the things we have said and thought and done that have not brought glory to God. As we think of the world around us, we see the sin and brokenness of the world which so often fails to reflect God’s love and truth. Let’s bring to mind those things we wish to confess to God today.

*Pause*

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:

**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,

without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,

and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed

to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

***Collect***

As forgiven people, we pray the words of the collect

**God of truth, help us to keep your law of love**

**and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life**

**in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

***Praise***

Let’s praise God with the words of Psalm 100:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

***Pause for thought***

What do you want to praise God for today?

***Readings***

Matthew 9.35-10.9

Romans 5.1-8

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Talk***

**Hilary Kemp**

***Pause to reflect***

‘God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him’ (Romans 5.8 in The Message). Reflect on the enormity of God’s love for you. Who could you share God’s love with this week?

***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**

*Do add your own prayers in the …*

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, light of the world,

bring the light and peace of your gospel to

the nations …

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,

give food to the hungry …

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way …

Deepen our appreciation of your truth

and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler,

bind up the injured,

strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

We particularly lift before you …

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and

believed in you …

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us,**

**accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

We bring our prayers together with the words 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?*

**The Lord bless us and keep us;**

**the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us;**

**the Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace. Amen.**

Based on Numbers 6.24-26

We go into the world to walk in God’s light

to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

***Coffee***

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