**St John’s, Bourne End**

**worshipping together while we are apart**

**Sunday 30th August 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***

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord’s name be praised.**

Psalm 51.15; 70.1

***Praise***

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.**

Bring your shouting and your silence,

as introverts and extroverts.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;**

**come into his presence with singing.**

Bring your songs and your stories,

your struggles and your sacrifices.

**Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he that made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

He designed and created us, he understands us and is intensely interested in us.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Bring your gifts and your personalities,

your strengths and weaknesses.

**For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

He is just and wise, honest and true, caring and compassionate, eternal and holy;

**He is God.**

Psalm 100

***Confession***

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Our sins accuse us. We confess them to God.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

Psalm 51

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***

**God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:**

**remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,**

**that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Readings***

**Psalm 111**  
  
Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
 the Lord is gracious and compassionate.  
He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant for ever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.  
The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.  
He provided redemption for his people;

he ordained his covenant for ever –  
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

**Matthew 27.45-50**

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.  About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *‘Eli, Eli,* *lema sabachthani?’* (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, ‘He’s calling Elijah.’ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.  The rest said, ‘Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.’

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Talk***

*A Little Bible: The Psalms in our Lives*

***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***

Let us glorify you, O God.

**Let your praise resound in our lives.**

Hear these and all our prayers, great God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Psalm 19

***Lord’s Prayer***

**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.**

***Praise***

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Blessing***

***Dismissal***

We go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory.

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

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