

# Being Church at Home

## Morning Prayer on Sunday

29<sup>th</sup> March 2020



### United Benefice of Shedfield and Wickham

*We encourage you to use this service of Morning Prayer at 8am on Sunday to join in with the ministry team who will be praying the daily office in one of our churches at that time and with others who are praying them around the Benefice.*

*This form of prayer is being used by Christians throughout the Church. Although you may be on your own remember that you are praying with others. This is why the prayers are written using the plural.*

*You may wish to pray them on your own or with your family. The leader's part and congregational responses are left in in case you are with someone else. If you are praying on your own please use all the phrases.*

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

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

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
  - 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.
- All** Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All**     **Amen.**

## **The Word of God - *Psalmody***

### **Psalm 86**

- 1     Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, ♦  
      for I am poor and in misery.
  
- 2     Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; ♦  
      save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
  
- 3     Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; ♦  
      I call upon you all the day long.
  
- 4     Gladden the soul of your servant, ♦  
      for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
  
- 5     For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, ♦  
      abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
  
- 6     Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer ♦  
      and listen to the voice of my supplication.
  
- 7     In the day of my distress I will call upon you, ♦  
      for you will answer me.
  
- 8     Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, ♦  
      nor any works like yours.

- 9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, ♦  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wonderful things; ♦  
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; ♦  
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, ♦  
and glorify your name for evermore;
- 13 For great is your steadfast love towards me, ♦  
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.
- 14 O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek  
after my life; ♦  
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, ♦  
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; ♦  
give your strength to your servant and save the child of your  
handmaid.
- 17 Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see  
it and be ashamed; ♦  
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

**All** **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.**

## *Scripture Reading*

### **Jeremiah 31 27-37 (NRSV)**

<sup>27</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. <sup>28</sup> And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

<sup>30</sup> But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

<sup>35</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who gives the sun for light by day  
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who  
stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—  
the LORD of hosts is his name:

<sup>36</sup> If this fixed order were ever to cease  
from my presence, says the LORD,  
then also the offspring of Israel would cease  
to be a nation before me forever.

<sup>37</sup> Thus says the LORD:  
If the heavens above can be measured,  
and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,  
then I will reject all the offspring of Israel  
because of all they have done,  
says the LORD.

## *Canticle*

**All Full of compassion and mercy and love  
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

- 1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, ♦  
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:
- 2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, ♦  
before your great and mighty power.
- 3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, ♦  
for you are God, Most High.
- 4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, ♦  
and you relent at human suffering.
- 5 O God, according to your great goodness, ♦  
you have promised forgiveness for repentance  
to those who have sinned against you.

- 6 The sins I have committed against you ♦  
are more in number than the sands of the sea.
- 7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, ♦  
because of the multitude of my iniquities.
- 8 And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, ♦  
imploping your kindness upon me.
- 9 I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, ♦  
and I acknowledge my transgressions.
- 10 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, ♦  
according to your great mercy.
- 11 For all the host of heaven sings your praise, ♦  
and your glory is for ever and ever.

**All** **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.**

**All** **Full of compassion and mercy and love,  
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

### *Scripture Reading*

#### **John 12 20-33 (NRSV)**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of

wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## *Responsory*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**All O my God, in you I trust.**  
You are the God of my salvation,  
**All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
In you I hope all the day long.  
**All O my God, in you I trust.**  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
**All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**  
**O my God, in you I trust.**



## *Gospel Canticle*

**All**    **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

- 1        Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
          who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2        He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
          born of the house of his servant David.
- 3        Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
          to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4        To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
          and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5        This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
          to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6        Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
          holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7        And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
          for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8        To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
          by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9        In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
          the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10      To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
          death, ♦  
          and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All**      **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.**

**All**      **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for  
they shall be satisfied.**

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered:*

*for the day and its tasks*

This day help us to praise you, O God,  
for your goodness and loving kindness  
and all the blessings of this life.

This day help us to trust you, O God,  
in every circumstance of life,  
with hearts that are steadfast and strong.

This day help us to serve you, O God,  
With love and faithfulness,  
with all our powers of body, mind and spirit.

This day help us to glorify you, O God,  
in all our thoughts and words and actions,  
from the beginning to the end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*for the world and its needs*

Lord God, all wise and all merciful,  
hear us as we pray for those who bear the responsibility of leadership  
among the nations of the world.  
Give them in all their deliberations,  
wisdom to know your will,  
regard for your laws,  
and respect for human rights.

That they may seek to lead mankind in the paths of truth, freedom and peace  
For the glory of your name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*for the Church and her life*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with us all today,

We pray for the life of your church in the world, in our country, in our diocese and in our benefice as we learn to worship in a different way.

We know that the church has never been a building but it has always been a people,

Help us to discover in our hearts and homes what this means as we aim to be church at home, rooted in prayer and serving others. **Amen.**

*for all those affected by coronavirus*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect of the day is said*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *Lord's Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.