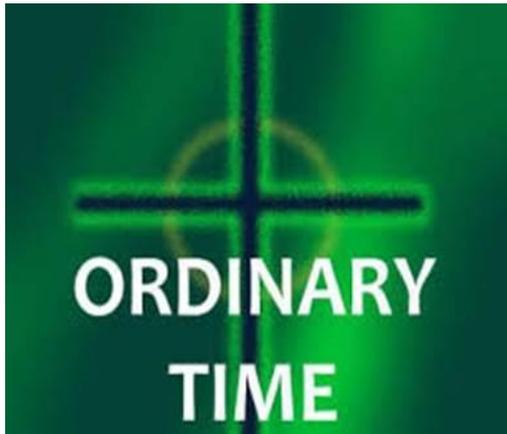


Being Church at Home

**Morning Prayer**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



**United Benefice of Shedfield and Wickham**

*We encourage you to use this service of Morning Prayer to join in with the ministry team 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.

- 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.

*The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65*

**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

### *Psalm*

#### Psalm 119 65-88

- 65 You have dealt graciously with your servant, ♦  
according to your word, O Lord.
- 66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge, ♦  
for I have trusted in your commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, ♦  
but now I keep your word.
- 68 You are gracious and do good; ♦  
O Lord, teach me your statutes.
- 69 The proud have smeared me with lies, ♦  
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart has become gross with fat, ♦  
but my delight is in your law.

- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, ♦  
that I may learn your statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me ♦  
than a hoard of gold and silver.
- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; ♦  
give me understanding, that I may learn your  
commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, ♦  
because I have hoped in your word.
- 75 I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right, ♦  
and that in very faithfulness you caused me to be troubled.
- 76 Let your faithful love be my comfort, ♦  
according to your promise to your servant.
- 77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live, ♦  
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they wrong me with  
lies; ♦  
but I will meditate on your commandments.
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, ♦  
even those who know your testimonies.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, ♦  
that I may not be put to shame.

- 81 My soul is pining for your salvation; ♦  
I have hoped in your word.
- 82 My eyes fail with watching for your word, ♦  
while I say, 'O when will you comfort me?'
- 83 I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, ♦  
yet I do not forget your statutes.
- 84 How many are the days of your servant? ♦  
When will you bring judgement on those who persecute me?
- 85 The proud have dug pits for me ♦  
in defiance of your law.
- 86 All your commandments are true; ♦  
help me, for they persecute me with falsehood.
- 87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, ♦  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.
- 88 Give me life according to your loving-kindness; ♦  
so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.

**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**

### **Isaiah 44:24 – 45:8**

<sup>24</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; <sup>25</sup> who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; <sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfils the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited', and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins'; <sup>27</sup> who says to the deep, 'Be dry, I will dry up your rivers'; <sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose'; and who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be rebuilt', and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'

**45** Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. <sup>8</sup> Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the LORD have created it.

## ***Canticle***

***All***    **Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

1        Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦  
          for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour  
          and the majesty.

2        Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦  
          yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head  
          over all.

3        Riches and honour come from you ♦  
          and you rule over all.

4        In your hand are power and might; ♦  
          yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5        And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦  
          and praise your glorious name.

6        For all things come from you, ♦  
          and of your own have we given you.

***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.**

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## **Scripture Reading**

### **Revelation 12 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule<sup>[a]</sup> all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; <sup>6</sup>and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

## **Responsory**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears  
you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

## **Gospel Canticle**

**All You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

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.

*Luke 1.68-79*

***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* You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

## Prayers

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving  
make our requests to God.

Gracious God,  
we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation  
throughout the world.

We pray for the honouring of human rights,  
and for the relief of the oppressed.

We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men,  
women and children.

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.

We pray for Christopher our bishop  
and for the life of this Benefice.

We give thanks for the gift of your word  
and the fellowship of your people.

We pray for this local community  
and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for the young and the elderly,  
for families, and all who are alone.

We give thanks for human skill and creativity  
and all that reveals your loveliness.

We pray for those who are in need;  
for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

We give thanks for human love and friendship  
and for all that enriches our daily lives.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God. **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 for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.