

10am Service Sunday 22nd August 2021

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Welcome, introduction, and notices – Vicar

2. Greeting

Minister: Grace, Mercy, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

3. Hymn 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

4. The Collect (the special prayer for the day) (See Notice Sheet)

5. Vicar: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve, we praise and thank you for the many blessings of this wonderful life you have given us. As we remember and celebrate your perfect love for us, help us, we pray, in heart and mind, to welcome and embrace your loving Holy Spirit, and, with him, live out the 'good news' of Christ. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of him who came to save us and to reconcile us to you. **Amen.**

5. The Summary of the Law – Vicar

6. Confession (said by all) Father God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, we pray, and draw us closer to you, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in grateful and graceful service each day of our lives. Amen.

7. Absolution

Minister: Hear then this Good News of God's forgiveness of us in Christ! In the life, death and

resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible God cannot forgive, no hurt so

terrible He cannot heal. No one can stray so far from God that they cannot be forgiven; no one may consider themselves so close to Him that they do not need His forgiveness. God forgives and God sets free. Receive, therefore, His forgiveness. Believe this Good News and live for Him hereafter in His peace and in His joy. **All: Amen.**

8. Hymn 'As the deer pants for the water'

9. The Apostles' Creed (said by all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

10. Reading Psalm 103

11. Reading 2 Corinthians Chapter 2 verses 5 - 11

12. Reading Luke Chapter 18 verses 9 – 14

13. Talk 'What does it mean to be 'righteous'?' (Followed by an opportunity to ask the speaker questions)

14. Song 'Bless the Lord, O my soul'

15. Minister: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

16. (Said by all) Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who are Christ's body on earth live his risen life and bring his life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

16. Intercessions

17. The Lord's Prayer - said together

18. Hymn 'In Christ alone, my hope is found'

19. Sharing of the Grace together: 'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever. Amen.'

20. Final Blessing – Vicar

Minister: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; and remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.

All: We go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

