

Order of Service 3rd October 2021

(Introit KPC choir)

Church Notices

Monday Craft group 7pm - 9pm All welcome

Wednesday KPC Tiny Tots and toddlers 09:00 - 11:30 All welcome

Thursday Drop - in at Church 10:00 until 13:00 coffee, tea, cake, chat a browse of the craft stall and from 11:00 until 12:00 live music in the church. All welcome to pop in.

Words of Welcome,

Good morning and welcome to worship this morning, October is a month with a particular focus on tackling poverty. Sunday 17th October is the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the 4th-10 October is Challenge Poverty Week and the resources for the first four Sundays in October have been written by Priority Areas congregations. We are asked in each Church in the country to look at poverty in their own community. We know that every Parish will contain people who are in poverty, this is dealt with confidentiality through the Minister. Our overall theme which comes from the Bible readings for this Sunday is "People Matter"

Let us worship God

We open our worship this morning by singing our 1st Hymn

HYMN 154: O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder – The 1st two verses are based on Psalm 8

Prayer: Let us pray:

Our opening prayer this morning is based on our 1st Hymn.

O Lord our God, how great thou art! When we look up at the stars on a dark night and see the vastness of space and realise You made and designed all that, we see something of Your greatness and awesome power. When we see the clear blue sky on a summer's day and the bright sunshine showing everything in glorious technicolour and realise You made and designed all of it, we see something of Your greatness and awesome skill in creation.

And when we remember that You gave Your son, Your nearest and dearest, to die for us on the cross to take away our sin, we see something of Your greatness and awesome love for us.

We can let our troubles, fears and doubts take over and stop looking to You, floundering in the dark rather than walking in the light and being led and guided by You. So often we omit to share with You, our problems looking to You to lead us through it.

Lord work in us by Your Holy Spirit. Speak to us through Your word. Open up our hearts and minds to You. Meet with us now and help us to know You are with us. For we ask this for Your glory and praise.

Amen

Our first reading this morning: Psalm 8: 1-9

Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN 181: For the beauty of the earth

Our second reading this morning: Hebrews Ch 1: v 1-4, Ch 2: v 5-12

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?
You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor
and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."

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Thought for Today

Our first reading this morning was Psalm 8, a wonderful Psalm, that inspired the first two verses of that great Russian Hymn, "How great thou art!" It speaks of the majesty, sovereignty and the greatness of God. When we open our eyes to see the greatness of God in creation.

How often we are made aware of how our fellow human beings can be abused, many from an early age have been treated terribly, an example of a young woman whose mother had no interest in her from birth except for training her at the age of three to be a shoplifter. Unwanted, abused, in and out of court all her life she was afraid of what might happen to her. It took a minister to say to her that Jesus died for her on the cross. To which she replied, "Jesus couldn't have died for someone like me!" But eventually she realised that He had, and she came to understand He did. She turned and trusted Jesus, finding that she was valued and cared for by God. 'People matter.'

Our reading from Hebrews, comes from the most important book in the New Testament it was written to Jewish Christian's, saying that Christ is the perfect sacrifice and the true High Priest, Hebrews emphasizes the humanity of Jesus more than any other book in the New Testament, except the Gospels. It also emphasizes the role of Jesus as the mediator between God and humanity, the one who brings forgiveness once and for all. I remember one of our lecturers when I was studying saying to us that it was the most outstanding book in the New Testament.

We disturb the relationship with creation when we act through selfishness and greed; by doing so we act irresponsibly. The destruction of so many creatures and plants in the name of so-called progress is a good

example. What is happening to the rain forests and what is happening to the poor of our world are reflections of our relationships. There is a danger we just use people and creatures for our own gain, regardless of the results. The most testing relationships are those we live with. It is said of a home that is where we are treated the best and react the worst. Do not let that be true of us.

Relationships must be worked at must be maintained. We must never take each other for granted, or deal with each other as if we had a servant or a slave. Relationships are meant always to reflect love. This is as true of neglecting our prayers as of taking each other for granted.

The disciples did not want to be bothered by the children or those who were bringing them. Jesus saw a desire for a relationship with himself and with the father.

Do we see that our relationships with each other and the world reflect our relationship with God?

Here is an illustration

Once a bird flying high overhead saw how our world was becoming polluted. The bird saw the rubbish dumped into the sea and fish struggling to survive, great tracts of land being robbed of trees, the ice-caps slowly melting. So it decided that it must tell the humans about what was happening. The first group would not listen- well, who would believe a bird! The next group were making good profits and did not want anything to be disturbed. A third group said they would happily talk about it for years. No one wanted to do anything . Yet the bird knew that all things were linked together. If the humans destroyed the environment, all the birds and all animals would also suffer. Why were the humans so insensitive to their surroundings and to each other? The bird learnt that the humans had lost a sense of awe and wonder because they had broken their relationship with the Creator God. If they would not listen to the cries of creation, if they would not listen to the voice of God, they were not likely to hear a bird.

Amen

HYMN: 253 Inspired by love and anger verses 1,2,5 and 6

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION and The Lord's Prayer

Our gracious God and loving heavenly Father, we thank You that we matter to You and that everyone matters to You so much that You even gave Your son, to become one of us and die for us. You raised Him back to life to sit at Your right hand, crowned with glory and honour, so that all who trust themselves to Jesus, can end up sharing in His glory in heaven for ever as Your family. We thank You that in Jesus, we see how much we matter to You. When we think of these things, what can we do but be amazed? And gladly give You these offerings of our money and of ourselves, asking that You use them to help others knowing how much they matter to You. Loving Father, we ask that You guide our feet that we may walk in the footsteps of Your Son Jesus. We ask that You Guide and council those going through hard times and struggling to find solutions.

Send them a Comforter. Soften the 'hardening hearts' of those in difficult relationships. Help them to make decisions that are right for them. Where people are suffering injustice, we cry out for wrongs to be righted and for there to be justice.

Bless all children and those who care for them. For those suffering abuse – a place of safety that they may know love. For children in war zones- peace. For those suffering hunger – food from Your great world's bounty.

And this Challenge Poverty Week we pray that You would open people's eyes and hearts to see that people matter, no matter how poor they are, help us to treat them with dignity and respect, valuing and appreciating them, and playing our part to help people out of poverty and build a fair and just society.

All this we ask in the name of Your Son Jesus, who died for us that we may be forgiven our sins. Amen

We pray together saying, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen

HYMN: 259 Beauty for brokenness

BENEDICTION: Go now , with laughter in your eyes, a smile on your lips, a song in your heart, and merriment in your soul, and share the joy that Christ has given you. The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all this day and forever.

AMEN

Hymn 786 May the God of peace go with us