

Welcome to our Worship on Sunday 15th of November

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

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Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place, in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,

or like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

10 The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.

12 So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Confession and Absolution

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 wrong doing 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.

**I heard the voice of Jesus
say,**

"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay
down

Thy head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,

Weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and

live." My thirst was quenched, my
I came to Jesus, as I drank soul revived,
Of that life-giving stream; And now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

Matthew Chapter 5:1-10

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, depressed by the sheer effort of dealing with every piece of bad news, all those who live on the margins, worrying how they will feed their children tomorrow, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, all who are mourning normality, the shielded and those self-isolated and alone with their fears, all suffering from the cancellation of holidays and events looked forward to, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, the ones who bring a listening ear and helping hand to those in need, volunteers having vaccines tested on them, all

feeling vulnerable or fragile, students in bubbles and all obediently suspending their freedoms by staying indoors to slow the spread of the virus, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – for the right way to live with new and changing restrictions, learning what a lockdown has to teach us, those who dare to ask hard questions of our leaders and systems and hope for a new community cohesion to replace social distancing, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, all NHS and care home keyworkers, supermarket shelf stackers and check-out staff, takeaway cooks and bicycle mechanics, teachers and farmers and delivery drivers, undertakers and clergy online, for they will receive mercy.

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in
Three.

2. I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit
heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving
ray,
the whiteness of the moon at
even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous
shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt
sea,
around the old eternal rocks.

3. I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and
lead,
his eye to watch, his might to
stay,
his ear to hearken to my need

the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to
ward,
the word of God to give me
speech,
his heav'nly host to be my
guard.

3. Christ be with me, Christ
within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before
me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win
me,
Christ to comfort and restore
me,
Christ beneath me, Christ
above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love
me,
Christ in mouth of friend and
stranger.

4. I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in
Three,

of whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my
salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

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