

WORSHIP - 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 29 AUGUST 2021

*Today we have a United Service in St Edmund's at 10 am. No Evensong due to the Darley Park Concert.
Peter is leading the Zoom service, preaching and praying.*

Hymn - All my hope on God is founded - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

**Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

New Testament lesson - James 1.17-end - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - When I needed a neighbour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fExR7eOhJ00>

Gospel - Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Address - a sermon from Peter is on the website

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-2avqsnYJ4>

Words: *Lidley’s Prayers*, 1566

Music: *Richard Farrant*, circa 1525 - 1580

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession, written by Dot Jackson-Lawer

Dear Lord, awaken us in body and spirit each day with a desire to hear you, to follow the way of Christ, to affirm our faith, and to share it with others. Help us to clearly understand your word, to act as faithful loving servants in your name. Help us to abide in Jesus, to gain better knowledge of his teaching, to answer your call, to do your will, and recognize Jesus’s words and deeds offer us, the chance to make a difference, no matter how big or small in the lives of all those we meet. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, help us uphold the value of others in our words and actions. Forgive us Lord when we have failed to reflect you, when we have lived with selfish intention, placing our own needs above those of others. When we have acted in a way that has caused disadvantage or hurt remind us to open our hearts and minds and be filled with your spirit of goodness and humility. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Most loving God, help us to see hope in the most desperate of situations. We have lived with fear and anxiety

during the pandemic, lost many friends and loved ones. We listen and watch as war, and disasters continue around the world. Many of the displaced are left to fend for themselves living in fear and uncertainty. We think of those in Afghanistan, in Haiti and pray for your mercy and peace. We thank you for aid workers and volunteers, who continue to support and care, despite the dangers they are working in. Keep them safe and strong in spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we are overwhelmed by the injustice, poverty, unfairness and pollution which we have caused, in a world which you created in love, for us all to share. God of love and life, may these extraordinary times lead us to deep consideration, and implement necessary changes in how our world works. Guide us in a genuine effort to address the reality of how connected we all are. Help us to work together to create the community and world we all want to be part of, and pass on to our future generations.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, as the school summer holidays progress, bless those families and friends who are spending precious time together either on staycations or simple days out. Keep them safe, and all our young people who are on a break from their educational studies. Bless all our key workers and those who continue in their own time steadily preparing for the new autumn term ahead. Give them strength and resilience to continue supporting our youngsters in their aspirations and learning journeys. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we ask for your loving blessing on Peter and Sophie, getting married this afternoon at St. Matthew's. For Harry and Amy, George and Natalie, Chris and Emma, all being married at St Edmund's next weekend. May their hearts and faith grow stronger as we wish them long and happy futures together. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are unwell in body, mind, spirit and are concerned for loved ones. Keep them in your loving care and grant them renewed energy and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we give thanks for the lives of those recently departed, and for anyone known personally to us. We remember them with fondness and love. We pray for all those who mourn, God be their healer, comfort and protection, be their strength, shield and provision, be their security, safety and close companion. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 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.

Hymn - How shall I sing that majesty - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOL-YWWpEXk&t=28s>

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your backs,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields
and, until we meet again, may God hold us in the palm of His hand.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Final music - David, our St Edmund's organist, has recorded "New Era" by Nigel Ogden for our zoom service. Here is the same piece played on the organ at Gt Malvern Priory - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p000zjAfaQ>