

# WORSHIP - 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 5 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and Evensong at St Matthew's at 6 pm.  
Peter is leading the Zoom service, Julie is preaching.*

**Hymn - Be still, for the presence of the Lord** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKfyudrhGK4>

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 Collect

**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.**

*New Testament lesson - James 2.1-17 - is printed on the blue noticesheet*

**Hymn - For the healing of the nations** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiIoXrApr4U>

*Gospel - Mark 7.24-37 - is printed on the blue noticesheet*

*Address - a sermon from Julie 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 – Open thou mine eyes and I shall see - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-B-H6Yf8hs>

Words: ancelot Andrewes, 1555-1626

Music: John Rutter

**Prayers of Intercession**, written by Mary Wallen

Lord, we pray for people worldwide who are suffering at this time. In particular we think of those affected by the situation in Afghanistan, those grieving for the casualties, those still seeking to leave the country and those Afghans who are frightened and unable to continue with their established way of life because of the restrictions enforced by the Taliban. It is hard for us to imagine living under a regime that does not allow girls and woman to enjoy the freedom to access education, employment and freedoms we take for granted.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the millions of people worldwide affected by the COVID pandemic. We pray that richer governments may make ethical choices about the distribution of vaccines. Also, we pray that these governments are successful in their efforts to balance the health of their people with the survival of their economies. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people in America who have had their lives turned upside down by Hurricane Ida. Give strength Lord to those who have lost dearly loved relatives, who have lost their homes and possessions and who are frightened for the future. Guide those making important resolutions that will affect climate change in the future. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that all politicians in our own country may exercise wisdom and integrity in all they do. We continue to pray for the NHS which has been stretched to breaking point. We thank God for helping the scientists and health professionals to learn so much, so quickly, about the treatment of COVID patients. We pray for all those waiting for operations and treatments that have been delayed due to the pandemic. Some of these delays are having serious impact on the quality and length of peoples' lives.  
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our local community who have been affected by the COVID pandemic, those who are experiencing poverty and those who are struggling mentally with depression or lack of confidence. Show us how we can help these people both financially and practically.

We pray Lord for organisations within our local community, that they may continue their work to help vulnerable people; the elderly, families and children who need some extra support. Help our local churches to find ways of supporting people in this area who need either spiritual or practical help. Everyone deserves equal access to a peaceful, comfortable and fulfilled life.

We ask, Lord, for your blessing and support for those who are sick, especially those known to us. The families of the deceased are in great need of comfort at their time of grieving so we pray for them.  
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for each member of our own family. Give us the insight to know how best to help, when this is needed, so that we may guide and support without causing any offence. We particularly ask for Your blessings on all children returning to school after two strangely disrupted years, for those starting school for the first time, for all the younger children going to nursery or playgroup and for those leaving school for university or the big wide world of work. They will all need extra understanding as their vital socialisation has been seriously disrupted. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lastly we pray for ourselves, for guidance, support and courage to tackle the challenges that life throws at us. Help us to act non-judgementally so that it cannot be said, as we heard in the reading from James, that we have 'made distinctions and become judges with evil thoughts'. On the contrary, help us to truly 'love our neighbour as our self'. 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 - I heard the voice of Jesus say - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUVCpF8-VuE>

### **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.**

**Final music** - David, our St Edmund's organist, has recorded "England's Glory" by Nigel Ogden for our zoom service. Here is the same piece from Grimsby Minster - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYu8TSl6Wwl>

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