

# WORSHIP - 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15 AUGUST 2021

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

**Hymn - Awake my soul, and with the sun** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnJW9GohDrw>

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.**

*In honour of today's Feast Day, we sing The Magnificat*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0>

**The Collects for today - for The Blessed Virgin Mary, and for the 11th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.

**Old Testament lesson - Proverbs 9.1-6** - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

**Hymn - For Mary, mother of our Lord** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWS-Jtaly7w>

**Gospel - John 6.51-58** - *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 - What wondrous love is this? -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhTQ7dAAfBg&list=RDHhTQ7dAAfBg&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhTQ7dAAfBg&list=RDHhTQ7dAAfBg&start_radio=1)

## Prayers of Intercession

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She calls 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

Lord, the way of insight seems so blurred. As we look at the situation in Afghanistan – where the desire to leave seems to have hidden the reality of what will happen. We cannot understand the wisdom of the Taliban, their beliefs and way of life. We cannot imagine what the future will be, especially for women and girls. We pray for all those trying to make peace, trying to build a peaceful future – and we pray for those who are desperate to escape, afraid for their lives, wondering how they will survive.

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

Wisdom seems hidden as our world responds to the changing climate. For decades we have been told that humans need to change, that our economy and life has to be constructed in a different way, that we cannot expect to consume so many resources. Yet we have not listened. We have not listened because the changes will affect us, they may well mean we cannot live as easily or travel as much – we know the challenges of a sustainable world, but we do not want to heed them. Grant us wisdom, grant our leaders wisdom, bring the nations and the peoples of the world together – Lord, may we make the changes necessary so our world can survive in all its beauty and life. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In Plymouth we have seen how wisdom can be destroyed by false doctrine. Beliefs that apparently are based on hatred, anger, evil, fear – beliefs that can lead to destruction and death. We pray for individuals whose beliefs and actions are evil – and we know Lord how deeply that evil is rooted. Our Society has turned away from its Christian heritage, its Christian faith, the vacuum is being filled by different beliefs, many of which we believe are not based on your love. We pray for all as we counter such hatred, as we proclaim your Gospel. But we give thanks too, the light is not defeated. For the wisdom, the planning, the dedication, the goodness we saw in our emergency services, in our hospitals, in local government, in a community that comes together. We pray for the churches of that City, for men and women of good will – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the life of our churches – for our two churches, our Diocese, Bishops Libby and Malcolm, for our friends in Allestree Churches Together, and our friends in the Nagpur churches. We give thanks for the support we were able to give them in yesterday's Book Sale, and the joy of being social again. We pray for our

families as we come together for a picnic this afternoon. For Blake and Natalie as they are married this afternoon, for Max and Helen next Saturday - Lord, grant them your love and wisdom we ask in their continuing journey. We pray for friends who are unwell, for all for whom we are concerned about. We remember our friend John Gear, giving thanks for his ministry and dedication to you, for his wisdom and faith, for Christine and the family - bless them we ask, bless us as we mourn. 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** - Through all the changing scenes of life - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox1r0OzIwoo>

### **The Blessing**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Final music** - Marche Triomphale, Nun Danket alle Gott, *Karg-Elert* -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hNHH4GUyOo>

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