



Morning Service Sunday 26 July 2020



Responses and Prayer of Praise

Psalm 47v1-2

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Hymn

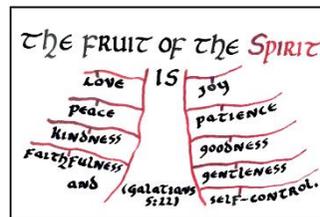
Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

3. Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime!
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.



Confession

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 wrongdoing 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.

Assurance of our forgiveness

Psalm 47v3-4

He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

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.**

Words of Thanks and Praise

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. 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. 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. Amen.

Words of belief (please stand)

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.

*means universal

Bible Reading

Acts 5v17-42

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and

put them in the public jail.¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin-- the full assembly of the elders of Israel--and sent to the jail for the apostles.²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported,²³ "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no-one inside."²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were puzzled, wondering what would come of this.

²⁵ Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷ Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honoured by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.³⁵ Then he addressed them: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Sermon – Acts 5v17-42

- The Imprisonment (v17-25). God's plan is that the full message of new life goes out to the world.
- The Trial (v26-39). The purpose of ALL that God has done is our repentance and forgiveness.
- The Conclusion (v40-42). God is so worthy, it's an honour to suffer for Christ.

Prayers

Prayer for China – We pray for the Christian church in China, some facing extra restrictions after Coronavirus and we pray for the Christians to continue to walk with him, to share his life and for his church to continue to grow and increase his Kingdom on earth. We also pray for the international community to work together to stop the persecution and harsh treatment of all minorities in China as well as their oppressive actions in Hong Kong.

A prayer for Frinton Mission –

Give thanks for:

- the vision given to the leadership for FM to be online this year
- the significant gifting of so many team members to make an online presentation possible
- the huge range and professionalism of the videos (about 60) created relatively quickly for FM 2020
- all the planning that has been necessary and, in particular, the appropriate safeguarding procedures being put in place
- all the families and friends across the world who will be able to enjoy FM along with us this year

Please pray that:

- all the technical aspects will run smoothly and that internet connections will not falter
- no one who would like to be involved will miss out due to not knowing that FM is online

- many will visit the website to plug into all aspects of the mission that will cater for every age
- the Holy Spirit will be poured out on all the endeavours to make the Lord Jesus Christ known
- even after FM 2020 is over, the videos will continue to reach people with the message of God's love for them

Covid-19 - *Heavenly Father, our ever-present help in trouble, our fortress and our God: calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you; give strength and healing to those who are sick, and courage and skill to those who care for them; grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority; and humble us all to call upon you that we may be saved not only in this life, but also for that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Prayer for the Day – Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft the love of your name in our hearts, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all that is good, and by your great mercy keep us in this condition, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer - *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee: Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5v23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.