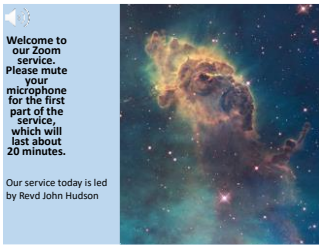


Mid week Service of Reflection



WELCOME SLIDE – Go to John speaking

Good Morning Everyone where ever you may be. Thank you for this prevelage of leading our gathering today. A time for listening and responding, we shall I hope have a time of discussion towards the close of our time together. Might I take a moment to introduce a colleague of mine.

He his been with me since the day of my ordination. Here he is the Revd E. Bear. He doesn't seem to say much but he thinks an awful lot!

We take a moment of stillness and quite at the start of our service.

Pause:

Lord Jesus Christ, we know you are present with each of us know.
Be with us in all that we think or say do. Let us say Amen.

REFLECTION SLIDE



There will be pauses as I read this reflection.

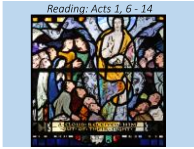
Lord of Eternity, timeless, limitless, perpetual, infinite God.
Straining against the limits of this moment in time, we lift our thoughts to you.....
Becoming aware of you we find ourselves in a new dimension.
The walls of our worry recede and we feel the warmth of your presence.....

Our doubts and despair fade in your light.
Our hopes soar in your space
Our love grows in your presence.
Would that we could stay like this.....
Time draws us back to our ordinary duties.....

Yet we are not the same.....
Nor ever can be again, we are restored, invigorated,
tensions are eased, burdens are lighter.

We sought you in the isolation of your eternity, and
being blessed there.....
Return to find you still with us in our problems.
For all these Blessings, we thank you, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.....
And let us say Amen.

SLIDE



Scripture reading from the daily lectionary.

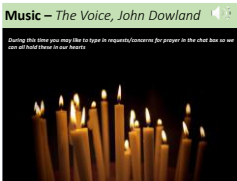
⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of ^[c] James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

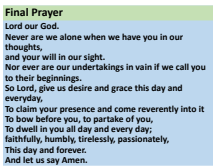
Discussion – BACK TO ZOOM WINDOWS

SLIDE – TIME FOR PRAYER IN CHAT ROOM



During this time you may like to type in requests/concerns for prayer in the chat box so we can all hold these in our hearts

SLIDE



Let us pray together with the prayer on our screens.

Lord our God.

Never are we alone when we have you in our thoughts,

and your will in our sight.

Nor ever are our undertakings in vain if we call you to their beginnings.

So Lord give us desire and grace this day and everyday,

To claim your presence and come reverently into it

To bow before you

To partake of you,

To dwell in you all day and every day;

faithfully, humbly, tirelessly, passionately,

This day and forever.

And let us say Amen.