



## Stratton Team Ministry

*Seeking, Sharing and Serving God  
Together*

### **Morning Worship- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:  
**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:  
**and we shall praise your name.** *cf Colossians 3.16,17*

#### **Hymn-**

**Thy hand, O God, has guided**  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on ev'ry page;  
our forebears owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then be all creation,  
thy name shall be adored.  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled,  
As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

**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 to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world.  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.  
Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Collect

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

## Romans 14: 1-12

**14** Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,  
"Every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God."

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
'til I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

## **Psalm 103: 1-13**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits –
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- <sup>8</sup> the Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;
- <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now:  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Matthew 18: 21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’

<sup>23</sup> ‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> ‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> ‘But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> ‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, “Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.”

<sup>30</sup> ‘But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> ‘Then the master called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> ‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

## Hymn-

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**

"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your days be bright."

I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
'til trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

## **The Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The 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,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## Hymn-

### **God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.**

I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his love as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received;, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name  
In earth and heav'n in jesus name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name  
He lives in us in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his peace as he told me to.

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### **Offertory Prayer**

Yours Lord is greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
For everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.  
All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.  
Amen

### **Blessing**

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