ORDER OF SERVICE - PRAYERS, READINGS AND SONGS - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 - TRINITY 14

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER:

Our Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth;
That our consciences may be quickened by your holiness,
Our minds nourished by your truth,
Our imaginations purified by your beauty,
Our hearts opened by your love,
Our wills surrendered to your purpose;
And may all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory, praise and honour to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

- ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for at his command they were created.

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—

he issued a decree that will never pass away.

- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- 8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars.

- wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
- ¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
- ¹² young men and women, old men and children.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD.

for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn.[™]

the praise of all his faithful servants,

of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

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

SONG

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore Him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before Him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him upon earth,
In tuneful accord:
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise Him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise Him who hath taught you
To sing of His love.

O praise ye the Lord,
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs His glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what He hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To Him be out-poured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored.
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen

CONFESSION: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

Silence (personal confession)

CONFESSION:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, 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.**

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

READING: Romans 14:1-12

The Weak and the Strong

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose

faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister¹⁰? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

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

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the word of the Lord: thanks be to God.

SONG:

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 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.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Hear the Gospel according to Matthew; Glory to you O Lord.

²¹Then 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?"

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold¹¹ was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.¹²

pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

- ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.
- ²⁸ "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.
- ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'
- ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
- ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the gospel of Christ; praise to you O Lord

SERMON: The difficulty of forgiveness

SONG:

Thank you for saving me, what can I say? You are my everything, I will sing Your praise You shed Your blood for me, what can I say? You took my sin and shame, a sinner called by name

Great is the Lord Great is the Lord For we know Your truth has set us free You've set Your hope in me

Mercy and grace are mine, forgiven is my sin Jesus, my only hope, the Saviour of the world "Great is the Lord" we cry, God let Your kingdom come

Your word has let me see, thank you for saving me, yeah

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Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who died for our forgiveness, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE:

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet together in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Please bring your offering when we return to the building next week.

If you would prefer to give through the bank, the bank details are: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us, and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless us as we seek to obey your word, in giving back to you what you have given to us, in gratitude for your love and grace, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

His spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right; it is our duty and our joy, to give you thanks, Holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because you revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

Hear us heavenly Father, through Christ your Son our Lord, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

Who on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, proclaiming his saving death and his glorious resurrection and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great High Priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be renewed by your Spirit and grow into his likeness;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 forever. Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace**.

(*We*) Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for us and his blood which he shed for us. (*We*) eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for us and feed on him in *our* hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. Amen

Song during communion

I hear the Saviour say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share his body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Final Song

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God, my Saviour has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God, Who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

Prayer and blessing

God be with you in your going out and in your coming in.

God be with you in your work and in your leisure.

God be with you in life's hills and in its valleys.

God be with you in company and in solitude.

God be with you in all your pilgrimage and at its end.

And the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen

NOTICES

- 1. Please keep your mask on at all times
- 2. As you enter please sanitise your hands
- 3. If you use the toilets please wash your hands with soap thoroughly and use hand sanitizer before returning to your seats.
- 4. Please remain at least 2 meters from each other entering and leaving the building and coming up for communion.
- 5. Please sit only two persons per row (one at each end) unless you are family then you can occupy an entire row for your family
- 6. Please let me know if you **DO NOT** intend to come to next Sunday's service and for each subsequent Sunday. This is to ensure that we have a list to comply with the government's track and trace system.
- 7. Please take a copy of the **Rota** which begins in today.
- 8. <u>Course in Christian Studies (CCS)</u> begins September 21st. Sessions from September to December will be held over zoom. If interested please see Cornelius or contact Diane Hardy in the diocesan office at dHardy@chelmsford.anglican.org
- 9. **PRAYER POINTS**:

Please continue to pray for: Deborah, Doreen, Jean and Walter, those who are shielding and who are in constant pain; those bereaved during this time of pandemic: Charity, Stella, Ako's family, Ruth's family...; those affected economically by this pandemic.

- 10. **Thanks** to Pat for the face masks.
- 11. If you took a container for the **lent project** and you have not returned it please do so as soon as possible.
- 12. Please continue to bring items and shoe boxes for the **Operation Christmas Child** charity.
- 13. If you are on the **Rota to lead** the first half of the service please send me your psalm prior to the service so I can include it on the order of service sheet. If you are not comfortable leading during this Covid-19 time, please let me know.
- 14. Special congratulations to Rev. Janetta Brathwaite, ordained as deacon vesterday.
- 15. The walls were painted this week.
- 16. **PCC meeting** this Thursday Sept. 17.
- 17. PLEASE TAKE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.

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Introducing Rev. Janetta Brathwaite

Archdeaconry: West Ham

Parish: Forest Gate St Saviour & St James

I was born and raised on the beautiful Caribbean island of Nevis.

My parents were both Headteachers, of the Church of England Boys and Girls schools respectively and also ministered in Church. My Secondary, and Grammar school education in the island State of St. Kitts/ Nevis with Tertiary education in neighbouring Barbados.

At age seven my Mum died. Later my Dad emigrated to England.

I grew up observing the Anglican Faith. Infant baptism was followed by Confirmation at age thirteen.

I qualified as a Teacher and engaged in the Teaching profession for a few years.

I received a CIDA Scholarship and studied Business Administration and Hotel Management. I still cherish fond memories, of serving others in the field of Hospitality. While serving in the position of Hotel Manager in Nevis I felt a call to ministry, which was the start of my path to ministry and vocation.

My hobbies include gardening, travelling and hairdressing.

I am married with a beautiful daughter and four wonderful grandchildren. Before studying at St. Mellitus, I qualified as a Professional Hairdresser, and later owned and managed my Hairdressing Enterprise while serving as an Avon Area Sales Manager,

Two professions affording numerous opportunities to witness for God, as I worked and travelled locally and around the globe.

My ardent love of God, and zeal to evangelize, became increasingly apparent in Church-life, where I held many roles, including Parish Evangelist; Local Authorised Preacher; Sunday School Teacher; Bible Study Leader, PCC Secretary; Pastoral Chair and PCC Vice Chair.

For my development I was encouraged to take the Course in Christian Studies- and later by clergy and family, to study Theology. I have completed the 1-Year Pathway at St. Mellitus College I look forward to being Ordained, and serving my Curacy, as a Self-Supporting Minister at St. Saviours Church, leading others to Christ!