

Father's Day Service June 19, 2022

A service of prayer and thanksgiving for fathers and men; led by children.

WELCOME

Leader: (Elesha)

Welcome to our Father's day Service. Father's day gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation for our fathers and for all men who have cared for us, and to thank God for them. We can also remember that Jesus himself grew up in a normal family and so understands both the joys and the stresses of living with other people. We are the family of God and we thank Him for the amazing love he has for us, his family, and remember that God wants us to love one another.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19th, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there.

After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honouring them. Although she initially suggested June 5th, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance didn't have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. (source taken from wikipedia.org)

These days it is a day for showing our appreciation to dads, through the giving of cards and presents. Today we want to show our appreciation to all men and to celebrate the goodness and love shown to us by all men who care for us or who are part of our lives. We also want to remember that this goodness comes from God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 103 verses 13 - 18 (Suri/Nathaniel)

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

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

SONG: Don Moen - Our Father in Heaven 1263

Hear our prayer we are your children
And we've gathered here today
We've gathered here to pray
Hear our cry, Lord, we need Your mercy
And we need Your grace today,
Hear us as we pray

*Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Our Father, hear us from Heaven
Forgive our sins we pray*

Hear our song, as it rises to Heaven
May Your glory fill the earth
As the waters cover the sea
See our hearts, and remove anything

that is standing in the way,
of coming to You today

And though we are few, we're surrounded by
many who have crossed that river before
And this is the song we'll be singing forever
Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord

**First Reading: Nathaniel
Ephesians Ch.6 v1-4**

**Second Reading: Emmanuel
2 Samuel Ch.7 v12-16**

*This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God*

PRAYERS (King's Club)

Emily

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the
fathers you have given us, and for all men
who care for us.

Their love and care is so precious that it can
never be measured.
Their patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them
and guiding them.
We ask you to bless them with your own
special love.

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gabriella

Gracious God,
We thank you for adopting us into your family
through the miracle of your grace, and for
calling us to be brothers and sisters to each
other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our fathers
and men who cared for us when we were
helpless who comforted us when we were
hurt whose love and care we often take for
granted.

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Emilie

Today we pray for:
those who are grieving the loss of their
fathers, those who never knew their biological
fathers, those who have experienced the
wonder of an adopted father's love, the
families separated by war or conflict.
Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other,
so that we can be and become all that we are
meant to be.

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.
Amen**

SONG: Father Me- Paul Oakley 2172

You have loved me with such perfect love
Fathered me with such a tender touch
Your faithfulness surrounds my soul
Your mercy lifts my head
How could I repay all you have done?

*Father me, faithful Father
Father me, no-one else could ever be
The perfect Father God to me*

You now clothe me with your righteousness
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
And even in my darkest days
Your light will guide my way
Hallelujah to the King of grace

PEACE:

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

OFFERTORY - Hymn 1

Abba Father, let me be,
Yours and Yours alone
May my will forever be,
Evermore Your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
Never let me go.
Abba Father let me be,
Yours and Yours alone

Lord Jesus, you love us so much that you gave yourself for us on the cross. Help us to love you so that we give of ourselves to you. Bless our offering of money and our lives, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen

'Fathers in the Bible' (King's Club)

**These fathers set worthy examples to follow:
By Jack Zavada**

Updated on May 06, 2020

Miss Glenys

Scripture is filled with people we can learn much from. When it comes to the challenging vocation of fatherhood, several fathers in the Bible show what is wise to do and also what is not wise to do.

The most important father figure in the Bible is God the Father—the ultimate role model for all human dads. His love, kindness, patience, wisdom, and protectiveness are impossible standards to live up to.

Fortunately, he is also forgiving and understanding, answering fathers' prayers, and giving them expert guidance so they can be the man their family wants them to be.

Gabriella

ADAM – THE FIRST MAN

As the first man and first human father, Adam had no example to follow except for God's. Regrettably, he strayed from God's example and ended up plunging the world into sin. Ultimately, he was left to deal with the tragedy of his son Cain murdering his other son, Abel. Adam has much to teach today's fathers about the consequences of our actions and the absolute necessity of obeying God.

Lessons to Learn From Adam

- God is looking for fathers who freely choose to obey him and submit to his love.
- Fathers with integrity live in the knowledge that nothing is hidden from God's sight.

- Instead of blaming others, godly fathers take responsibility for their own failures and shortcomings.

Emily

NOAH – A RIGHTEOUS MAN

Noah stands out among fathers in the Bible as a man who clung to God in spite of the wickedness all around him. What could be more relevant today? Noah was far from perfect, but he was humble and protective of his family. He bravely carried out the task God assigned to him. Modern fathers may often feel they are in a thankless role, but God is always pleased by their devotion.

Lessons to Learn From Noah

- God promises to bless and protect those who faithfully follow and obey him.
- Obedience is not a sprint but a marathon. It means a lifetime of faithful devotion.
- Even the most faithful fathers have weaknesses and can fall into sin

Emilie

ABRAHAM – FATHER OF A NATION

What could be more frightening than being the father of an entire nation? That was the mission God gave Abraham. He was a leader of tremendous faith, passing one of the most difficult tests God ever gave a man: offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice. Abraham made mistakes when he relied on himself instead of God. Still, he embodied qualities that any father would be wise to develop.

Lessons to Learn From Abraham

- God wants to use us, in spite of our shortcomings. He will even rescue and support us through our foolish mistakes.
- Genuine faith pleases God.
- God's purposes and plans are revealed in phases over a lifetime of obedience

Miss Emily

ISAAC – ABRAHAM'S SON

Many fathers feel intimidated trying to follow in the footsteps of their own father. Isaac must have felt that way. Abraham was such an outstanding leader that Isaac could have gone wrong. He could have resented his father for offering him as a sacrifice, yet Isaac was an obedient son. From his father Abraham, Isaac learned the invaluable lesson of trusting God. That made Isaac one of the most favoured fathers in the Bible.

Lessons to Learn From Isaac

- God loves to answer a father's prayers.
- Trusting God is wiser than lying.
- Parents should not show favouritism to one child over another.

Gabriella

JACOB – FATHER OF THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Jacob was a schemer who tried to work his own way instead of trusting God. With the help of his mother Rebekah, he stole his twin brother Esau's birth-right. Jacob fathered 12 sons who in turn founded the 12 tribes of Israel. As a father, however, he favoured his son, Joseph, causing jealousy among the other brothers. The lesson from Jacob's life is that God works with our obedience and in spite of our disobedience to make his plan come to pass.

Lessons to Learn From Jacob

- God wants us to trust him so we will benefit from his blessings.
- Fighting against God is a losing battle.
- We often worry about missing God's will for our life, but God works with our mistakes and bad decisions.
- God's will is sovereign; his plans cannot be undone.

Emily

MOSES – GIVER OF THE LAW

Moses was the father of two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, and he also served as a father figure to the entire Hebrew people as they escaped from slavery in Egypt. He loved them and helped discipline and provide for them on their 40-year journey to the Promised Land. At times Moses seemed to be a larger-than-life character, but he was only a man. He shows today's fathers that overwhelming tasks can be achieved when we stay close to God.

Lessons to Learn From Moses

- With God all things are possible.
- Sometimes we must delegate to be a good leader.
- God desires intimate fellowship with every believer.
- No one can follow God's laws perfectly. We all need a Saviour.

Emile

DAVID – A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

One of the great stories of struggle in the Bible concerns David, a special favourite of God. He trusted God to help him defeat the giant Goliath and put his faith in God as he was on the run from King Saul. David sinned greatly, but he repented and found forgiveness. His son Solomon went on to become one of Israel's greatest kings.

Lessons to Learn from David

- Honest self-examination is necessary to recognize our own sin.
- God wants our whole hearts.
- We cannot hide our sins from God.
- Sins have consequences.
- The Lord is always there for us

Miss Emily

JOSEPH – EARTHLY FATHER OF JESUS

Surely one of the most underrated fathers in the Bible was Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ. He went through great difficulties to protect his wife Mary and their baby, then saw to Jesus' education and needs as he was growing up. Joseph taught Jesus the carpentry trade. The Bible calls Joseph a righteous man, and Jesus must have loved his guardian for his quiet strength, honesty, and kindness.

Lessons to Learn From Joseph

- God honours men of integrity and rewards them with his trust.
- Mercy always wins.
- Obedience may result in humiliation and disgrace before men, but close friendship with God.

Miss Glenys

GOD THE FATHER

God the Father, the First Person of the Trinity, is the father and creator of all. Jesus, his only Son, showed us a new, intimate way of relating to him. When we see God as our heavenly Father, provider, and protector, it puts our lives in a whole new perspective. Every human father is also a son of this highest of God, the constant source of strength, wisdom, and hope to Christians everywhere.

Lessons to Learn From God the Father

- God is constant; he never changes. We can depend on Him.
- God is faithful.
- God is love.
- Our heavenly Father is an example for earthly fathers to emulate.

Song: Good, Good Father by Chris Tomlin

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good, Good Father

*It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you*

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only you provide
Cause you know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

'Appreciation of Father's' (Pathfinders)

Poem read by Elizabeth and Elesha

GIFT FOR FATHERS

Song to listen to: There's No-one Like Jesus – Ayanda Khumalo version played from 1:37

Intercessions- King's Club & Pathfinders

Gabriella

God, creator and sustainer, we thank you for nurturing us like a mother. We praise you that your care and protection surround us like a father. On this

Fathering Sunday, we remember all the people who have nurtured us, especially the important men in our lives, those who have seen, not just with their eyes, but with their heart. Hear our prayer for fathers around the world.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Emily

We remember fathers, whose families are torn apart by jealousy, fighting and misunderstandings.

We remember fathers who are older, but who still bear the responsibility of raising children and grandchildren. And we remember fathers who mean well, but make mistakes.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Emilie

We remember men who, because of various circumstances, are unable to become fathers. We remember fathers who have adopted children and fathers who given up their rights as fathers.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gabriella

We remember fathers who rejoice in the achievements of their children. Who joyfully watch a new generation take hold. We remember fathers who are single parents, who through personal sacrifice and perseverance provide a loving home for their children.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Emily

We remember fathers who helplessly watch their children suffer and die from malnutrition because of famine, drought, flood or war.

We pray for the fathers where recent disasters have occurred and those taking their children in hope onto the high seas. We remember fathers whose children are sick or disabled and who will try anything to cure or help them.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Emilie

We pray for fathers and their children around the world caught in the terrors of violence and living in fear — in Tigray, Ethiopia, Yemen and Ukraine. We weep with the fathers of those who inflict violence on others.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gabriella

Nurturing God, thank you for those who have nurtured us. Open our eyes to the plight of so many fathers and mothers around the world for whom life is difficult. Help us to share your love and mercy with them.

Father God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grace

May fathers everywhere continue to look after us.

Emily

In the silence of this moment, hear the prayers of our hearts. [*pause*]

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Annika

Bless all fathers everywhere.

Emilie

Merciful God, Father of us all, honour our prayers, spoken and unspoken, humbly lifted to you in faith. **Amen.**

Taken from worship words.co.uk

Elizabeth & Elesha with their own intercessions

Elesha

We ask your blessing on all men who are part of our church family here in Forest Gate.
May your eternal blessing be always upon them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Talk: John Britten

SONG: In Christ Alone (1346)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer and blessing for fathers and men

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG: Graham Kendrick - O Father of the Fatherless (950)

O Father of the fatherless
In whom all families are blessed
I love the way you father me
You gave me life, forgave the past
Now in your arms I'm safe at last
I love the way you father me

*Father me, forever you'll father me
And in your embrace I'll be forever secure
I love the way you father me
I love the way you father me*

When bruised and broken I draw near
You hold me close and dry my tears
I love the way you father me
At last my fearful heart is still
Surrendered to your perfect will
I love the way you father me

If in my foolishness I stray
 Returning empty and ashamed
 I love the way you father me
 Exchanging for my wretchedness
 Your radiant robes of righteousness
 I love the way you father me

And when I look into your eyes
 From deep within my spirit cries
 I love the way you father me
 Before such love I stand amazed
 And ever will through endless days
 I love the way You father me

NOTICES

- **PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET HOME WITH YOU.** *Use the prayers, readings and songs in your daily meditations this week.*
- **140th anniversary.** This year marks 140 years since the first stone was laid for the building of St. Saviour church (Nov. 1, 1882). Deborah has been working on the history of our church and we would like to publish a booklet of that history. She needs help with this. If you can help, please see Deborah.
- **Bradwell Pilgrimage** – July 2nd, see flyer on the back table.
- **Vesna is seeking a place to rent.** If you know of any please contact Cornelius or Vesna directly.
- **Inspire Multifaith Space at Westfield is seeking volunteers to help to man the space.** If you can help, please see Janetta.
- **Interested in studying theology? The Course in Christian Studies (CCS)** begins in September. There are a number of taster evenings across the diocese. If interested please see the leaflets on the back table.
- Please remember to **subscribe** to the channel if you use this to help you in your **morning and evening prayers.**



- **Church of England phone line of worship.**



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

- Church of

England daily prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

- **Friday evening (young people) Bible study** (meet every other Friday 7:30)
Zoom link:
- **Tuesday evening Bible study 8-9 on zoom.** Zoom link:

PRAYER FOCUS:



If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.

Doreen, Jean and Walter, Monica, Auntie Janie, Dionne, Jayne, Sue Lindsay, Veronica and Chester, Dolly and Desmond, Mr Patel and family, Jean Murphy, Deborah Fisher; Hannah Todd, Pat Vincent, Pauline Haywood...

- **The persecuted church** – especially in Northern Nigeria
- **The end of all wars** – Yemen, Ethiopia and Ukraine...

<https://stsaviourse7.org.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StSavioursChurchE7>

<https://www.facebook.com/Stsaviourse7/>

Vicar's email: revcahenry@gmail.com

Telephone: 02085558464

THE COPYRIGHT of words reproduced on this sheet is protected by Licence CCL 1157449