

**WELCOME TO
CHRIST CHURCH EATON!
A Virtual Service of Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 July 2021
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Please note that the Zoom hosts will mute people during responses to avoid interference, echoes and noises off. Once the service starts, please do not unmute yourself unless you know you have a speaking part.

*Our service this morning is led by Patrick
Ros Wright and Alison Green are co-hosting*

Informal Welcome *Patrick*

Seven minutes chat in breakout groups to see how people are. The hosts will try to unmute everyone.

(Congregational responses led by Ed & Jenny)

Start recording - O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hymn: *played by Matt Wright* **(mp3)**

Long ago you taught your people:
'Part of what you reap is mine-
From your cattle, bring the firstborn;
Tithe the crops of field and vine.'
Though beneath the law's restrictions
We are not compelled to live,
As we reap our monthly harvest,
Make us eager, Lord, to give.

What a way of life you showed us
Through the Son you gladly gave:
Never snared by earthly treasure,
Buried in a borrowed grave-
Yet to all he freely offered
Riches of the deepest kind:
Let us live with his example
Firmly fixed in heart and mind.

In the lifestyle of the Spirit
Giving has a central part;
Teach us, Lord, this grace of sharing
With a cheerful, loving heart-

Not a tiresome obligation,
Not a barren legal due,
But an overflow of worship:
All we have belongs to you!

Martin E Leckebusch (born 1962) © 2000 Kevin Mayhew Ltd

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.

(response led by Ed & Jenny)

All: Amen.

Reading: Malachi 3:6-12 *(read by Patrick Furniss)*

Curses, blessings, tithes and offerings

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.

But you say, 'How shall we return?'
Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me!
But you say, 'How are we robbing you?'
In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

(response led by Ed & Jenny)

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Canticle:

(Led by Patrick,

Congregational responses led by Ed & Jenny)

**All: Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,

**All: for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.**

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;

**All: yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.**

Riches and honour come from you

All: and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might;

All: yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God,

All: and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you,

All: and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b

**All: 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.**

**All: Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all. Alleluia.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-1 *Read by Ros Wright*

Paul encourages the Corinthians about the collection for the Christians in Jerusalem

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up

your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

(response led by Patrick)

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Reading: Mark 14:3-9 *Read by ?*

While the Jewish leaders plot, Jesus is anointed with expensive, fragrant ointment

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, ‘Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold

for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.’ And they scolded her. But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.’

(response led by Matthew Hutton)

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Homily: *Rev'd Matthew Hutton*

Hymn: *played by Matt Wright (mp3)*

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Prayers: *(prayers led by Alistair Bolt,
responses by John and Joyce Harrison)*

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(response by Catherine Jeffries)

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

(led by Catherine Jeffries)

All: Our Father,
who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Now thank we all our God

Sung by St Martin's Voices (mp3)

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Blessing *(responses led by Catherine Jeffries)*

The Peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ,

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary: Grand March (from Aida) – Verdi arr. Frank
E Brown**

Played by Matt Wright *(video)*

*You are welcome to leave or to stay; after a minute we will
divide into more small groups for some post-service
conversation for 7 minutes.*

The co-hosts will try to unmute everyone.

*If you are on a phone connection, dialling *6 should mute
and unmute your phone.*

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