



Heacham Parish Church

Heacham Parish Church on-line

Sunday 16th August 2020

Welcome to the service in the name of The Lord.

We meet in church, Online or with a service sheet in our homes. Wherever we are, we acknowledge that we meet in the presence of The Lord.

We hold silence and prepare our hearts to worship.

So we pray, loving Heavenly Father where ever we meet with you we ask that you enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth. For we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Oh Lord open our lips and our mouths will proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help and sustain us with your life giving Spirit.

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

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 wrong doing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to 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. Amen.

Song Great is thy faithfulness- played by Hilary and Lesley and sung by Lynda, Judith and Sue.

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided--
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousands beside.**

Reading Matt. 15 21-28 will read by Amanda

Reflection on Matt.15:21-28 John Whitbread

It has been said that this is one of the most puzzling and interesting of the stories within the gospels. So why was it there? Because it dealt with Gentiles and a woman.

And why was Jesus so slow in responding to the woman's request?

Jesus goes with his disciples to the high ground of Galilee and crosses into the lands belonging

to Tyre and Sidon. We can picture of group of people tired and weary and needing to have peace and reflect on what had happen to them and also to reflect on their work and its effect.

A woman who knew of Jesus as "Lord, Son of David" is a "Canaanite" stressing she is a gentile and lives in a nearby village. She has come to Jesus with plea to help heal her daughter. But Jesus does nothing, he didn't say word. The woman is not put off "Lord, help me." Jesus replies "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs"

But the woman is persistent and says to Jesus "Yes, Lord," she recognizes that Jesus is the healer and continues, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table." She picks up that Jesus has moved from the common Jewish understanding that Gentiles were mongrels who belonged outside in the street. At least with the word he uses for dog, he's put both Jew and Gentile under the same roof. Her desperation leads her to overlook the personal insult in Jesus words and hang on to the positive side of what he says. And so she replies: "Ah, yes Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." That's an

incredible insight isn't it? And think about it some more. Is she saying that she doesn't even need his full attention to be blessed by him? Just a few crumbs of attention will be sufficient! At last we see that she has great faith in him and he granted her request and within the hour her daughter was healed.

In this meeting with the Canaanite woman it is faith that settles the matter. So another way of reading this story is to see Jesus as the person pushing the conversation to its eventual destination, testing the woman by his hesitancy to show the quality of her faith.

The New Testament is clear that the gospel is for the whole world. But it comes to the world only through God's long work of preparation within Israel. Some in Israel were able to see signs of God's coming kingdom in Jesus but many in the Gentile world would not recognize these as kingdom signs at all.

The time for the "word" would be after the cross and resurrection. Jesus came to bring light to Israel first, and this woman has come to faith ahead of time. She has pressed into the kingdom from the outside. She is an exceptional believer

What can we learn from today's passage that we not only have hope in Jesus Christ but we must continually and persistently pray to God. Not only for the needs for ourselves, not only for our loved ones but for people that we know need your help and for our community and nation. And finally and equally we add our prayers to God for all the good things that have happened, not only to us or family but to thank Him for all good things which surround us.
Amen.

Together let's affirm what we believe in the shortened version of the creed.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. He was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. Afterwards he appeared to his followers and to all the apostles. This we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers led by Penny Taylor

Heavenly Father, Thank you that you hear us when we pray.

We bring before you our world and all its needs. Today we pray for the people of Beirut Lebanon.

God of compassion, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress.

Accept our prayers for all those in Beirut whose lives have been devastated by the explosion.

We also remember other places in the world where natural disasters and famine are no longer newsworthy. Strengthen all those people in their hour of need,

Grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives.

Lord in your mercy Hear our Prayer.

Heavenly father We continue to remember all those who are suffering from the Covid 19 Pandemic, especially in countries with few health services. We pray for your guiding for governments and health service workers that you will support them and resource them at this difficult time. We pray for our own government too, both national and local as we learn to live lives in the new normal.

As people in our country begin to take up their lives again we pray for those who have lost their jobs, those who cannot work due to disabilities including mental health problems and those who seek to help them. We ask you Lord to

strengthen all those who work for the good of others.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

In our village at this holiday time we pray for holiday makers and our tourist industry. We pray especially for safety on our beaches and roads at this busy time. For our Coastguards and volunteer RNLi crews. Lord we ask you to give those on holiday rest and recuperation...remembering especially Veronica, Simon and Kaitlyn.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for all those we know who are unwell and in need of your touch at this time. We name before you all those we know in a moment of silence..... We also ask you to be close to those who at this time are reaching out to you in faith. Lord answer them we pray. For those who are coping with bereavement come to close to them Lord, remembering the family and friends of Mary Sanders as she has gone to join the heavenly host. We ask your Holy Spirit to be a comfort to all at this difficult time.

Lord in your Mercy Hear our prayer.

Finally Lord, may we learn from the Canaanite woman, to wait on you expectantly, patiently, persistently and doggedly. Grant us the courage

of our convictions when we truly believe we are
doing your will

Lord in your Mercy Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer led by Karen in Danish.

Fader vor

Vor Fader, du som er i himlene!

Helliget blive dit navn,

komme dit rige,

ske din vilje

som i himlen således også på jorden;

giv os i dag vort daglige brød,

og forlad os vor skyld,

som også vi forlader vore skyldnere,

og led os ikke ind i fristelse,

men fri os fra det onde.

For dit er Riget og magten og æren i evighed!

Amen.

Song Jesu Christ I think about your

sacrifice- sung by Terry and Karen and
accompanied by Lesley ad Hilary.

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

You became nothing, poured out to death

Many times I've wondered at your gift of life

And I'm in that place once again

I'm in that place once again

**And once again I look upon the cross where you
died**

**I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken
inside**

Once again I thank you

Once again I pour out my life

**Now you are exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow
But for now I marvel at your saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again
I'm full of praise once again**

**And once again I look upon the cross where you
died**

**I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken
inside**

Once again I thank you

Once again I pour out my life

Thank You for the cross,

Thank You for the cross,

Thank you for the cross, my friend.

Collect for grace.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin or any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by your

governance to do always that is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing.

God the holy trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace. And the blessing of God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit be with us, and those we love, now and always. Amen.

HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH online service

will be on YouTube from 8am on Sunday morning

www.youtube.com/channel/UCefWbBrE77u7MPpdjWtwzow

Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday

use link below

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88053867570?pwd=QIRKNm1DakVZb0dGZ0Y2OXRwWDIRUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5386 7570 Passcode: 873154

Wednesday MP contact Bernard and Kate.

Church Open for private prayer

Saturday afternoons 2-4pm and Wed 10-12noon.

For those without access to the internet:
The telephone worship service: Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. This is a freephone service.

Also The Diocesan weekly podcast Sunday Hope can be listened to via your phone by calling 01603 537577- calls for this are charged at a local rate.

Mary's Funeral

We will let everyone know when we have news from the family.

Word on the Wash Prayer 2020

A prayer time is on Saturday August 22 by Zoom meeting 0930 to 1030 am. If you would like to join in please send your email address to john@wordonthewash.org.uk and you will then receive a zoom invitation with the ID and password to join the meeting. Please do not pass those details to others, but ask them to send in their own email address to observe the data protection measure. Thanks Gordon.