



Heacham Parish Church



Sunday 29th August 2021 – Trinity 13

Opening music – Alison plays 'Larghetto', by Charles Wesley (Jnr).

The Bible reading today fits with the words of the hymn 'And can it be'. Of the 6000 known hymn words which Charles Wesley (Snr) wrote this is possibly one of the most familiar. This piece of music was written by one of the sons who was a composer of small orchestral and instrumental works.

Welcome to Heacham Parish Church on-line. This is our Service of Worship for 13th Sunday after Trinity. In church today we welcome Archdeacon Ian Bentley who is celebrating Holy Communion for us, so we are using some of the liturgy from the Communion service to unite us in church, online, and those reading this from printed sheets as one body, the Church of Jesus Christ.

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

Song: Jesus stand among us

Jesus, stand among us
in Thy risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
we'll pursue our way,
watching for the dawning
of eternal day.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the
prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned
against you
and against our neighbour in thought and word and
deed, through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Reading: Ephesians Ch 4: 17 – 28 read by Alison

Reflection by Archdeacon Ian

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the Archdeacon's sermon in written form this week. If you are unable to attend church you can hear the sermon online. For the YouTube link click [here](#) or use our URL which can be copied into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEfWbBrE77u7MPpdjWtwzOW>

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession led by Ren

Loving and gracious God, Father of us all, help us as we come to you with our intercessions to know that you hear us and the answer we receive will be the best answer even when it does not seem to be. Please give us the gift of faith we so badly need.

We pray for the world. There is so much to pray, and we ask you to bless and sustain those we are praying for awful situations throughout the world that we know nothing about.

We bring to you Afghanistan and her people. We think of terrified, desperate parents pleading for help and the children whose lives will be shaped forever by the trauma they are experiencing now. Father, please bring the spirit of peace into this horrendous situation, for only your intervention can help.

Please help us, who live such privileged lives, to be welcoming, generous, and kind to the refugees who will inevitably emerge from this coup, and we earnestly pray that all who need to leave Afghanistan will be able to do so.

(Pause briefly for silent reflection)

We pray for the people of Haiti, where thousands have died in the recent earthquake. Enable the agencies from around the world to help them and prompt governments to encourage and support generosity in the giving of aid to Haiti and other places around the world suffering disasters, natural and man-made.

(Pause)

We pray for our government. Difficult decisions are constantly being made and we pray for those who have to make them. Grant them wisdom, true understanding of the likely consequences of the actions or policies they decide on and empathy for all the people of our nation.

Please bless those organisations and agencies we are inclined to take for granted. The NHS, the open shop full of food and goods we need, our schools and colleges and all the aspects of life here. Help us to value it and be grateful.

(Pause)

We lift to you those approaching the end of their lives and all those who love them. Those who are grieving and are so very sad we hold up to you in our thoughts. Please accept these thoughts as prayers and grant those in the awful pain of loss the knowledge that you understand their grief and are with them in it.

(Pause)

Lord in your mercy receive our prayers.

We pray together as Jesus taught us to.

The Lord's Prayer

Song: **Take my life and let it be**

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.

Closing Prayers

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep
our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us and those we love now and
always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing music - *Alison plays 'Animated', by Samuel Wesley.
Yet another of Charles Wesley (Snr) sons became an organist
and composer; but upset his father and uncle by becoming a
Roman Catholic. He composed many Catholic choral works; but
also delightful, short pieces such as this one.*

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