

All Saints' Church
Cottenham with Rampton



Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 46:1-7

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
should change, though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea;

3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be
moved; God will help it when the morning
dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms
totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Old Testament reading

Hosea 6.3

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

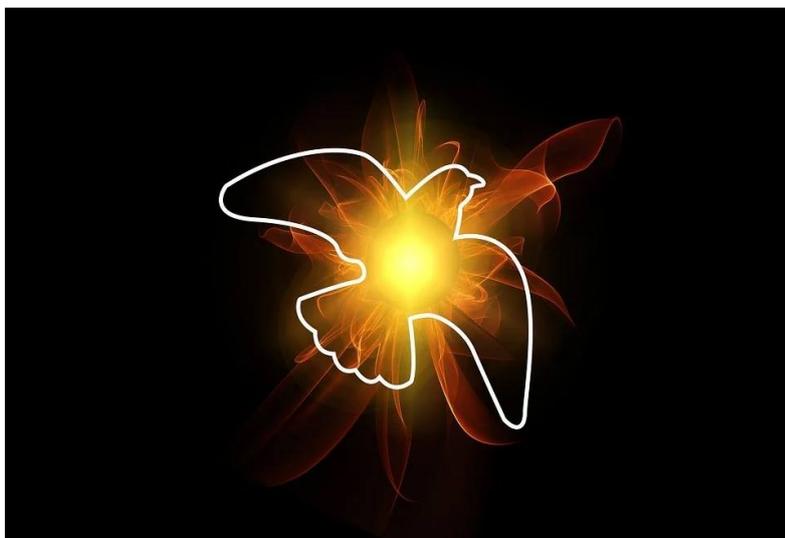
New Testament reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them

in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.



**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.**

The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father
Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our
life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Day 6 in 'Thy Kingdom Come 2021' booklet: words by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

*'What then should we pray for?
We should pray for everyone.
We should pray all the time.
In this way our following Jesus is
more than attending services or
even believing certain things.
It is a way of life.
A way that makes a difference
for us and for the world.'*



We pray for the five people of our choice, that they may know the depth of Jesus' love for all.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for people we may never know personally, especially for those in situations of danger, abuse, war, famine, lack of vaccines and natural disasters. We pray for the generosity of

our leaders. We pray that we individually can be generous to help, through action and thought.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves, for the confidence to tell others the good news of the Kingdom of God, here and now, to make a difference in this messy but wonderful world of ours.

God of love, hear our prayer.

**From the Novena (Nine Days of Prayer)
for Day 6
'Thy Kingdom Come 2021'**

Come, Holy Spirit,
and give me the gift
of rock-solid faith;
May the people I am praying
for see my faith in you
and be inspired to search for
you and find faith in you.



The Collect for 18 May 2021

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We say together The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

**May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.
Amen.**

**Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We can do this!

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