**The United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave**

**Morning Prayer at 11am**

**Sunday 29th March 2020**

**This is the service we will be using online next Sunday please log on at https://www.facebook.com/UnitedBeneficeSCS/**

**Welcome**

**Song:**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord, ’tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

***All:* We have come together as the family of God, to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear His Holy Word, to pray for the needs of the world, to seek forgiveness for our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to His service.**

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.

**All**   **Amen.**

**Confession**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.*

***All***   **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***   **Amen.**

**Time of Prayer and Intersession**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All**   **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.**

**Readings:** Recognising that you will all be using different bible versions, the approximate page number has been included as an indication of where you might find the reading

**Old Testament**

Psalm 130 (aprrox page 624)

**New Testament**

Luke 3:21-38 (approx. page 1030)

**Song:**

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

 *How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

**Sermon**

**Song:**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But holly trust is Jesus' name

 *Christ alone, Cornerstone
 Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
 Through the storm
 He is Lord
 Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, we stand before the throne

**Blessing:**

Gracious God, you have given us much today; grant us also a thankful spirit.

Into your hands we commend ourselves and those we love.

Stay with us, and when we take our rest

renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen**

***All***   **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**be with us all evermore.**

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

***All***   **Thanks be to God.**