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

**Morning Prayer at 11am**

**Sunday 19th April 2020**

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

**Welcome**

**Song: There is a higher throne**

**THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE**

Than all this world has known,

Where faithful ones from every tongue

Will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,

Made faultless through the Lamb;

Believing hearts find promised grace:

Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,*

*Their thunderous anthem rings*

*Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,*

*Their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,*

*Strength, thanks and honour are*

*To God, our King who reigns on high*

*Forever more.*

And there we'll find our home,

Our life before the throne;

We'll honour Him in perfect song

Where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,

As thirst and hunger die;

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:

We'll reign with Him.

***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:**

**Old Testament:** Psalm 16

**New Testament:** Luke 4: 14 -30

**Hymn: Here is love vast as the ocean**

**HERE IS LOVE** vast as the ocean,

Loving kindness as the flood,

When the Prince of life, our ransom

Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten

Throughout heaven’s eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion

Fountains opened deep and wide;

Through the floodgates of God’s mercy

Flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers,

Poured incessant from above,

And heaven’s peace and perfect justice

Kissed a guilty world in love.

**Sermon**

**Hymn: And can it be**

**AND CAN IT BE** that I should gain

An interest in the Saviour’s blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain,

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, should die for me?

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He left His Father’s throne above,

So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love,

And bled for Adam’s helpless race;

’Tis mercy all, immense and free;

For, O my God, it found out me.

’Tis mercy all, immense and free;

For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

My chains fell off, my heart was free;

I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;

Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head,

And clothed with righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne,

And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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**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.**