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

**Morning Prayer at 11am**

**Sunday 24th May 2020**

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

**Welcome**

**Hymn: May the peace of God**

May the peace of God our heavenly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

***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:** Ezekiel 36: 24 – 28

**New Testament:** Luke 5: 33 - 39

**Hymn: To God be the glory**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!** great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;*

*And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

**Sermon: Christ the bridegroom**

**Hymn: O the deep deep love of Jesus**

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,

Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean

In its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me,

Is the current of Thy love

Leading onward, leading homeward

To Thy glorious rest above!

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,

Spread His praise from shore to shore!

How He loveth, ever loveth,

Changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches oer His loved ones,

Died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth,

Watcheth oer them from the throne!

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,

Love of every love the best!

Tis an ocean vast of blessing,

Tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,

Tis a heaven of heavens to me;

And it lifts me up to glory,

For it lifts me up to Thee!

**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.**