

**The United Benefice of Sileby, Cossington and Seagrave  
Morning Prayer at 11am  
Sunday 31st May 2020**

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**Welcome**

**Song: The splendour of the king**

The splendour of the 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, and 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.*

And 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 all praise.  
My heart will sing: how great is our God.  
(Repeat)

**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 Intercession**

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:** Numbers 11: 24 - 30

**New Testament:** Acts 2: 1 - 21

## **Song: In Christ alone**

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## **Sermon: Pentecost**

## **Song: You chose the cross**

**YOU CHOSE THE CROSS** with every breath,  
The perfect life, the perfect death:  
You chose the cross.  
A crown of thorns You wore for us,  
And crowned us with eternal life:  
You chose the cross.  
And though Your soul was overwhelmed with pain,  
Obedient to death You overcame.

*I'm lost in wonder,  
I'm lost in love,  
I'm lost in praise forevermore.  
Because of Jesus' unfailing love  
I am forgiven, I am restored.*

You loosed the cords of sinfulness  
And broke the chains of my disgrace:  
You chose the cross.  
Up from the grave victorious,  
You rose again so glorious:  
You chose the cross.  
The sorrow that surrounded You was mine,  
'Yet not My will but Yours be done!' You cried.

## **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.**