

Rockland Benefice in the Bramerton Group  
St. Mary's Surlingham

# **Morning Prayer**

## **12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10am**

### **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**



# **Welcome Back**

*Please observe social distancing  
guidelines and avoid singing.*

## Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness,  
that your pilgrim people may enter  
and be built into a living temple  
on the cornerstone of our salvation,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Christ yesterday and today,

**All the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

**All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*A minister lights the Easter Candle.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Everlasting God, we give you thanks that our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

*The minister holding the Candle says:*

The light of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigneth;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

***Canticle: Benedicite***

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**2 Bless the Lord you heavens:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

5 O people of God bless the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.**

*The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65*

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.**

### **The Word of God**

#### **Psalm 65**

1. THOU, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2. Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5. Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
7. Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.
10. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.
13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14. The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### **Matthew 13:1-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one

comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

**Talk**

***Prayers, including the following***

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

***The Collect of the day is said***

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,

for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

### **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Final Blessing**

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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