

**Reflection:** Revd Penny Joyce

**We affirm our faith in God** *(Please stand.)*

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our heart through faith and fills us with love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers** *which we end with a prayer of Peace. (Please sit or kneel.)*

God of Love **Hear our prayer**

**Peace from God who is our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, who is our life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with us. Amen.**

**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.**

### **Notices**

*Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it - sun, moon and stars in heaven  
cry: `Jesus is Lord!'*

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

*Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding - yet gave  
his life a ransom thus setting us free.*

*Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror; from death he rose and all  
his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit to  
show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.*

**Blessing** *(Please stand.)*

## **OPEN AIR SERVICE 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**WELCOME** Introduction to the service theme **Inclusivity**

May all nations celebrate together

**Singing joy-filled songs of praise to You.** *(Psalm 67.4)*

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be us all.** *(2 Cor. 11.13)*

*We keep a short silence to still our hearts.*

**Lord God, as we come into your presence,  
still our bodies, open our hearts and focus our minds,  
that we may know your Spirit drawing us closer to you, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and Winter and Springtime and Harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!*

### **Words of confession**

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

May God the Father forgive us in Christ and heal us by the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Gloria** (Please stand.) Congregation to clap, professionals sing antiphonally

**Glory to God Glory to God Glory in the highest  
To God be glory forever.**

**Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen**

**Glory to God Glory to God Glory to Christ Jesus**

**To God be glory for ever.**

**Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen**

**Glory to God Glory to God Glory to the Spirit**

**To God be glory forever.**

**Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen Alleluia Amen**

### **The Word** Isaiah 56v 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.  
Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### Psalms 133 7.1-7

***Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.***

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦  
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 **It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦  
running down upon the beard,**
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ♦  
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon ♦  
running down upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦  
even life for evermore.

***Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.***

*Grant to your people, good Lord, the spirit of unity,  
that we may dwell together in your love,  
and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and the dew of  
your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15.21-28) **Praise to you O Lord.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

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pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*