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# **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

from the Community  
of Leicester Cathedral

**Sunday 6 September 2020**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.*

*Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the organ*

Prelude

*William Henry Harris (1883–1973)*

## **Welcome and Greeting**

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Canon Emma continues with words of welcome.*

Jesus said, 'What are you looking for? ... Come and see.'

*John 1.38, 39*

Where have you noticed God in these last days?

What do you desire from God today?

*A short silence is kept.*

God gathers us across the distance.

Let us worship God together.

## **Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing**

What God has prepared for those who love him,

he has revealed to us through the Spirit,

for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,

who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*cf 1 Corinthians 2.9*

*Silence is kept.*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit..

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Absolution** God's forgiveness for us

The God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer** Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

Romans 13.8–14

*Read by Philip Leech*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.15–20

*Read by Mary Lee*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-

collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the organ*

Hymn-Prelude on Repton

*Francis Jackson (b.1917)*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The following response is used*

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

*and this response may be used at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## The Hymn

*The final line of each verse is repeated.*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.**

REPTON (AM621i)  
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)  
from the oratorio *Judith*

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

You are called and loved by God the Father  
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.  
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

Until we meet again,  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ*

Fantasia in C minor BWV562

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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