

Morning Prayer (Live Stream) *20th (last) Sunday after Trinity* **25th October 2020**

Before we start

Gather together the following, if you can:

- *A candle and something to light it with*
- *Something to eat – cracker / bread etc*
- *Something to drink – water / juice / wine / tea*

Leader: Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **And also with you**

Leader This is the day the Lord has made

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer

All **We have come together in the name of Christ,
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

SONG: Jesus is greater than the greatest hero – (Source 282)

**Jesus is greater than the greatest heroes,
Jesus is closer than the closest friends.
He came from heaven and he died to save us,
To show us love that never ends.**

(Repeat)

**Son of God, and the Lord of glory,
He's the light, follow in his way.
He's the truth that we can believe in
And he's the life, he's living today.**

(Repeat)

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CHILDREN'S TALK – Chris Stratta of The Leprosy Mission

The Confession

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.**

Absolution

Leader **May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

Introduction to our readings:

All **Almighty God**
We thank you for the gift
of your Holy Word.
Through your Holy Spirit
bring your word alive
in our hearts and minds
and take us and use us to love and serve,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD

2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman Is Healed of a Skin Disease

5 Naaman was army commander of the king of Aram. He was very important to his master and was highly respected. That's because the LORD had helped him win the battle over Aram's enemies. He was a brave soldier. But he had a skin disease.

2 Groups of soldiers from Aram had marched out. They had captured a young girl from Israel. She became a servant of Naaman's wife. **3** The young girl spoke to the woman she was serving. She said, "I wish my master would go and see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would heal my master of his skin disease."

4 Naaman went to see his own master. He told him what the girl from Israel had said. **5** "I think you should go," the king of Aram replied. "I'll give you a letter to take to the king of Israel." So Naaman left. He took 750 pounds of silver with him. He also took 150 pounds of gold. And he took ten sets of clothes. **6** He carried the letter to the king of Israel. It said, "I'm sending my servant Naaman to you with this letter. I want you to heal him of his skin disease."

7 The king of Israel read the letter. As soon as he did, he tore his royal robes. He said, "Am I God? Can I kill people and bring them back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be healed of his skin disease? He must be trying to pick a fight with me!"

⁸ Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes. So he sent the king a message. Elisha said, “Why have you torn your robes? Tell the man to come to me. Then he will know there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman went to see Elisha. He took his horses and chariots with him. He stopped at the door of Elisha’s house.

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger out to him. The messenger said, “Go! Wash yourself in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed. You will be pure and ‘clean’ again.”

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry. He said, “I was sure Elisha would come out to me. I thought he would stand there and pray to the LORD his God. I thought he would wave his hand over my skin. Then I would be healed. ¹² And what about the Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus? Aren’t they better than all the rivers of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in the rivers of Damascus and be made pure and ‘clean’?” So he turned and went away. He was very angry.

¹³ Naaman’s servants went over to him. They said, “You are like a father to us. What if Elisha the prophet had told you to do some great thing? Wouldn’t you have done it? But he only said, ‘Wash yourself. Then you will be pure and “clean.”’ You should be even more willing to do that!” ¹⁴ So Naaman went down to the Jordan River. He dipped himself in it seven times. He did exactly what the man of God had told him to do. Then his skin was made pure again. It became “clean” like the skin of a young boy.

¹⁵ Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. Naaman stood in front of Elisha. Naaman said, “Now I know that there is no God anywhere in the whole world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from me.”

John 10:1-10

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 “What I’m about to tell you Pharisees is true. What if someone does not enter the sheep pen through the gate but climbs in another way? That person is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters through the

gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him. The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them. His sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from him. They don't recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus told this story. But the Pharisees didn't understand what he was telling them.

⁷ So Jesus said again, "What I'm about to tell you is true. I am like a gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers. But the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I'm like a gate. Anyone who enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out. And they will find plenty of food. ¹⁰ A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.

Reader This is the gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you O Lord.**

Talk: - Chris Stratta of The Leprosy Mission



SONG: Cornerstone (My hope is built)

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.**

**When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

***Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne.**

Chorus x2

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The Creed:

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him

Leader: Do you believe and trust
in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

PRAYERS

All **Merciful Father accept our prayers for the sake of Your
son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Collect for the last Sunday after Trinity

Leader: Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

SONG: Goodness of God

**I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God.**

Chorus

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me,
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me**

Chorus

Songwriters: Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson
Goodness of God lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Remembering the Lords Supper

Lighting of candles

Leader Jesus says: "I am the light of the world;

All **Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but have the light of life."**

Leader The light shines in the darkness

All **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

AGAPÉ MEAL

Leader:

1 Corinthians 11 23b-26

On the night the Lord Jesus was handed over to his enemies, he took bread. ²⁴ When he had given thanks, he broke it. He said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup. He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me." ²⁶ You eat the bread and drink the cup. When you do this, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

Leader Lord God we thank you for your gifts to us
of food and drink to nourish us and to quench our thirst.

All **Thank you God**

Leader Thank you Jesus for dying for us
so that we can be forgiven and cleansed
from the things that separate us from you.

All **Thank you Jesus**

Leader Thank you Holy Spirit, the Living water,
for enriching and changing us
and making us more like Jesus.

All **Thank you Holy Spirit**

Leader Bless these gifts of food and drink
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Make yourself known to us as we eat:
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

Share the food and drink now

Leader Lord help us to be more aware
of your presence with us at every meal
and all companionship we share.
Keep us close to you
even when we can't meet together in the way we would like.
Help us to appreciate the good things
in our current situation.

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer:

Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.

HYMN: Love divine, all loves excelling (Source 343)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Charles Wesley

The Blessing:

Leader The love of God be the passion in our hearts
The joy of God our strength when times are hard.
The presence of God a peace that overflows.
The Word of God the seed that we might sow.

All **Amen**

Dismissal:

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Zoom coffee follows 10 minutes after our service ends. Please join us via the church website link. <https://twinspires.org.uk>

Chris Stratta, today's speaker, Regional Manager of the Leprosy Mission is inviting us to a Zoom meeting where we can find out more and ask him questions at 4.30pm today.

Time: Sunday Oct 25, 2020 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5431891029?pwd=cncxYlVaOEtdDjmcFNrL0w3WXZ4UT09>

Meeting ID: 543 189 1029

Passcode: TLM

Regular Giving

A big thank you to those who have already responded to this appeal – we are very grateful. Like many organisations, our income is much reduced at this time, but we still have most of our outgoings. To those of you who are already giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) or by Standing Order or other regular giving scheme by bank transfer – thank you! To those who aren't, may we encourage you to consider one of these options if your financial circumstances permit. We would highlight the Parish Giving Scheme, as in addition to its website (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk), the scheme has been made even easier to join via a telephone service designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular direct debit gift over the phone. Those 'who don't do online banking' are finding this a straightforward way to set up a regular donation to their local parish churches. The dedicated phone number is **0333 002 1271** and our parish's PGS Code is **416012141** (The Parish of Nursling with Rownhams in the Diocese of Winchester).

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