

UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MICHAEL BETCHWORTH AND ST MARY BUCKLAND
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY 30th August 2020

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Hymn: *Take up thy cross, the Saviour said*

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,

and calmly every danger brave,
'twill guide thee to a better home,
it points to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

Music: German traditional melody

1st Reading:

Psalm 115 - The one true God

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory;
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

Why should the heathen say,
'Where then is their God?'

Our God is in heaven;
whatever he wills to do he does.

Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they cannot speak;
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but they cannot hear;
noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk;
they make no sound with their throat.

Those who make them are like them,
and so are all who put their trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

He will bless those who fear the Lord,
both small and great together.

May the Lord increase you more and more,

you and your children after you.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is the Lord's,
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor all those who go down into silence;

But we will bless the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore. Alleluia!

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem: O Saviour of the World - John Goss (1800-80)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEi80tnYox8>

(Choir of Clare College, Cambridge)

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words: Collect for the Visitation of the Sick

Gospel

Matthew 16. 21-28 - Jesus predicts his death and resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ



Sermon : Revd. Anna Moore

Prayers.

Loving God,
We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit
to help us pray in this difficult times.

Lord hear us: **Lord Graciously hear us**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit
for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:
for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.
We pray for the Foodbanks, for the volunteers and those using the facility for the first time

Lord hear us: **Lord Graciously hear us**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit
for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;
for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.
In the silence we lift before you those on our hearts at this time

Lord hear us: **Lord Graciously hear us**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ through their words and actions which
emanate your love

Lord hear us: **Lord Graciously hear us**

Loving God,
We ask for the assurance of your Spirit
to know your presence with us in our daily lives:
in our relationships.
in our work and service.
in our worship.

in our times of joy and pain.

Merciful father accept these prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

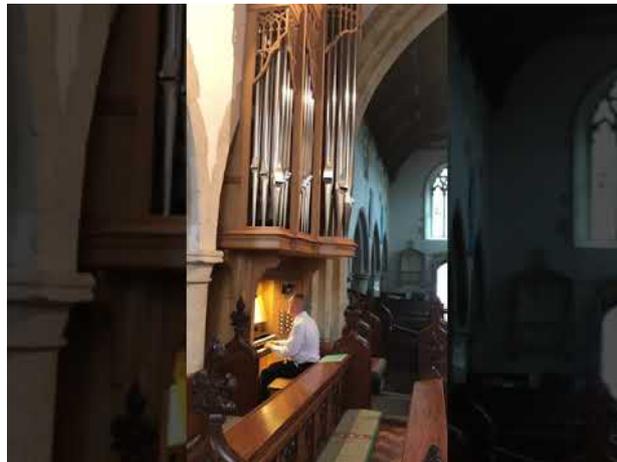
Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins...

Go in the light and peace of Christ

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale prelude, "Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren." ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.") - Max Reger (1873-1916)



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