

United Benefice of St Michael and St Mary

SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

FAMILY COMMUNION



**Organ Voluntary:** Interlude in A minor - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**Collect**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through 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.

**Reading: Psalm 138 David gives thanksgiving and praise**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

- 7     Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
      he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8     Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
      you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
      your right hand shall save me.
- 9     The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
      O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
      do not abandon the works of your hands.



**Hymn: *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live***

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live  
a place where saints and children  
tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children  
dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and a symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Words & Music: Marty Haughen (b.1950)

**Gospel: Mark 3.20-35 *A divided kingdom cannot stand; my family are those that do the will of God***

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

**Sermon: By Revd Anna Moore**



## Prayers

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love

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

We pray for those in most need in our own families and neighborhood, thinking of the elderly, the housebound and those in hospital or hospice. We pray for all carers and visitors whether family members, volunteers or health care professionals and especially for those who minister to people near the end of life's journey through the hospice movement - for they do your work and so we ask for them your gifts of patience, compassion and understanding.

We pray for those that we know who are sick, lonely or in some special need at this time as we share a brief moment of silence together as we name them in our hearts.... Praying especially for Cynthia, Sue, Don and Pat, Sian , Bridget, James,

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

We also remember those we have loved but see no more and pray for those left behind to grieve. Let them know that nothing is more dependable in times of sorrow than your encircling love

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those we love but no longer see, in the silence we lift them before you... may the light of Christ which eternally shines bring hope for you turn our darkness into light; in your light shall we see light.

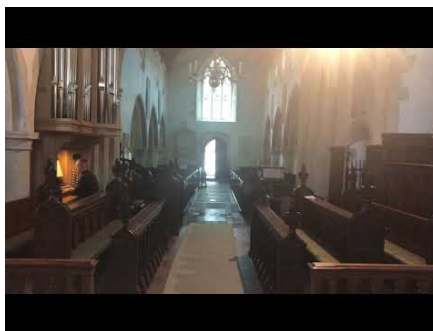
**Merciful Father accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son  
our saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

## 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.**

**Voluntary:** Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' from '3 Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes' –  
R Vaughan Williams (1872-1956)



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