



ChalkeValley
Church

Chalke Valley Benefice e-Service 5th Sunday after Trinity – 12th July 2020



Opening Music – [click here](#)



Welcome – [click here](#)

A warm welcome to you on this 5th Sunday after Trinity. I do hope all continues to go well with you as we make our way slowly, cautiously but surely towards lives that are beginning to resemble familiarity!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this service and as we reflect on the state of our world, our country and ourselves we can do no better than begin our worship with these words from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38-39)

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

And so we pray together:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden :

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen



First Hymn – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky – [click here](#)

Confession – [click here](#)



Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.

As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



First Reading - A reading from the Prophet Isaiah chapter 55 verses 10-13 - [click here](#)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

Gospel - Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23 – [click here](#)



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'



The Talk- [click here](#)



The Prayers- [click here](#)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ
to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Nicholas, Andrew and Karen, our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all the churches in our benefice and for all those lay and ordained who seek to live out our Christian faith.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority;
and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace;
that we may honour one another, and seek the common good. Especially we
pray for our world as it begins to recover from the pandemic. We pray for those
places still undergoing a sharp rise in illness and death.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours,
that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We give
thanks for all the good that has been done over the last months in all our
communities and we pray that this spirit of neighbourliness may continue as we
begin to emerge from lockdown.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; in a moment of
quiet we pray for those known to us personally.....
give them courage and hope in their troubles;
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ,
according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.
Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

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

We pray together the words that Jesus 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.



Final hymn – Lord of Beauty, Thine the Splendour– [click here](#)



Conclusion – [click here](#)

As we come to the end of our worship together, we pray:

**Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with each one of you, with those you love and those for whom you pray
this day and for evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen.



Closing Music – [click here](#)

Pictures at Lodge Farm, Broad Chalke



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