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**The responders today on
behalf of everyone are
Stephen and Diana Ringer**

Welcome

Hymn

How sweet the name of Je-
sus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows,
heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit
whole
and calms the troubled
breast;
'tis manna to the hungry
soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guard-
ian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and
King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way,
my End,
accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my
heart,
how cold my warmest
thought;

but when I see you as you
are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love
proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your
name
refresh my soul in death.

In the Name of God: Father,
Son and the Holy Spirit .
Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God to whom all
hearts are open all desires
known and from whom no
secrets are hid cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit that we may perfectly
love you and worthily mag-
nify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Penitence

In silence let us call to mind
our sins...We confess :

God our Father, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our
lives; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you; Fa-
ther, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say; Father, for-
give us:
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be
drawn away from you by
temptations in the world
about us; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were
ashamed to belong to your
Son; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face 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.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer before receiving the Word of God — Before we read, we pray together

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. **Amen.**

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20 read by Stephen Ringer

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

17 The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words

in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. 19 I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. 20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works.”

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;

on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel Mk 1:21-28 read by
Rachael Ringer**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The Reflection

The Creed - said together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance

with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church - led by Stephen Ringer

Lord God our Heavenly Father we come before you today in the greatness of your love and lift up our hearts in prayer and praise.

Help us to pray simply and sincerely, unselfishly and gratefully, remembering the needs of others as well as our own, and giving thanks always for everything in your name.

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

We pray for the Church, of which we are members, and thank you for the light it provides for our journeys ahead. We remember all who spend their lives leading others to you, supporting and encouraging them on their journey. Give them your ideas, your love for others, your joy and your humility. We continue to pray for Bishop Justin and Bishop Rose. Bless them in their ministry

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

We remember all those who have helped and inspired us on our Christian journey for the experiences that

have led us to know you and to love you.

Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

Help us to be able to look at ourselves, and to recognise our failings, our inadequacies, and the need for your presence in our journey of life and as we share in spiritual communion today may we experience a real sense of belonging to you and to each other.

Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

Bind us together, Lord, as a family, so that we can travel along life's journey helping and supporting one another, overcoming together all the trials and temptations which confront us in our daily lives and especially as we face the challenges of Covid19

Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for our leaders and advisers in politics, business, education and health

for good values, for integrity and compassion for courage to stand up for what is right.

We pray for peace in all countries of the world where violence, war and terrorism are taking place and we pray especially for those who seek to make peace in this divided world.

Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for our relationships with others, our neighbours, colleagues and our families for the grace to forgive readily, listen attentively and to be available whenever they are in need.

We pray for the hungry and homeless, the frail and the wounded the harassed and the despairing, for hope in suffering, comfort in distress and healing of body, mind and spirit.

Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

Lord God you know the secrets of every heart. Strengthen and sustain those who mourn that they may experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within them and the love and fellowship of the church family around them and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for all those who have died: Those recently departed: *Jean French, Rupert Hodges, Ronnie Baker, Leila Wood, Laurence Wield, Derek Christie, Colin Attwood*

Those who Year' Mind occur at this time: *Jack Traversers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Richard Phillips, Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson, Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood,*

Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby, Neville Clifford-Jones...
Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

Lord God lastly we pray for ourselves, as we go out into your world today and as we start the week ahead. We pray that in all we do, we may we walk more closely with you, aware that you are always at our side and that your love and care for us knows no bounds. Lord in your mercy. [Hear our prayer](#)

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular petitions

Merciful Father
[Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.](#)

The Peace
Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in

the name of Christ and
share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be al-
ways with you

And also with you

Hymn

King of glory, King of
peace,

I will love Thee;

and that love may never
cease,

I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my re-
quest,

Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my work-
ing breast,

Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost
art

I will sing Thee,

and the cream of all my
heart

I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me
cried,

Thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they re-
plied,

Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one
in seven,

I will praise Thee;

in my heart, though not in
heaven,

I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:

e'en eternity's too short

to extol Thee.

As Christ has taught us we
are bold to say:

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 tres-
passes, 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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have
mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **give us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for

God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

The Blessing

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. and the blessing ...

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Hymn

O for a thousand tongues
to sing
my great Redeemer's
praise,
the glories of my God and
King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my
God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth
abroad
the honours of your name.

Jesus! the name that
charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows
cease,
'tis music in the sinner's
ears,
'tis life and health and
peace.

He breaks the power of can-
celled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the
foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise,
and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints
above,
the Church in earth and
heaven.

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