

PLEASE TAKE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE HOME

14th Sunday After Trinity 13th September 2020

Gathering and Greeting

Please stand

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

Let us pray...

Silence

Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and
strength; for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All One thing we have asked of the Lord,
this is what we seek:
that we may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of our life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

We have come to seek you O God,
just as we are, we come.
We have come to be sought by you,
just as we are, we come.

Confession and Absolution

Please sit or kneel

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

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.

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.

All **Amen.**

Praise and Thanksgiving

Please stand

Eternal God, we worship and adore you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,

Christ, the true, the only Light,

**All Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

Dark and cheerless is the morn

unaccompanied by thee;

**All joyless is the day's return
'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

Visit, then, this soul of mine;

pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

**All fill me, Radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

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.

Please sit

Epistle - Romans 14.1-12

The Weak and the Strong

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 149

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

All Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

All The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

All Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob;

All Who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, and now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18.21-35

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Music – *Organ Voluntary*

Intercessions

The Lord’s Prayer

Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Blessing

May you go forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage.

Hold fast that which is good.

Render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted.

Support the weak.

Help the afflicted.

Show love to everyone.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the
Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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

Notices:

Where and When on a Sunday

6th September

8.30am Zeals | Common Worship Holy Communion

10am Bourton | Morning Worship

13th September

8.30am Bourton | Common Worship Holy Communion

10am Kilmington | Morning Worship

5.30pm Stourton | Quiet Reflective Service of the Word

20th September

8.30am Zeals | Common Worship Holy Communion

10am Stourton | Morning Worship

27th September

8.30am Bourton | Common Worship Holy Communion

10am Zeals | Morning Worship - Harvest

Rule of Six

This coming week will (hopefully) see the publication of more guidance on gatherings. The particular clarification needed is what counts as a social gathering. This will of course have an impact upon our APCM which we are hoping to hold 26th Oct 7pm at Bourton Village Hall. This is however subject to change!

The initial indication is that the new rule of six will not affect worship services.