

## Christ Church, Ipswich

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Family Worship

Hello, I hope you are well. For our worship today, our focus will be on our reading from the Gospel, Matthew 9:35-10:23. Here we find the stories about where we read of the compassion of Jesus and the mission of the disciples. Let us worship God together:

### Psalm 100

*All Lands Summoned to Praise God*

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
 come into his presence with singing.  
<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.  
 It is he that made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
 and his courts with praise.  
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;  
 his steadfast love endures forever,  
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

### A prayer of approach

We come before you, gracious God,  
 just as we are.  
 We come with our weaknesses and our  
 vulnerabilities.  
 We come with our fears and apprehensions.  
 We come with faith and doubt.  
 We come to offer and receive.  
 We come to you, the king of love –  
 in the name of your Son,  
 and in the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

### R&S 117 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
 thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
 How great thou art, how great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
 How great thou art, how great thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I  
 wander,  
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
 sent him to die—I scarce can take it in  
 that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,  
 he bled and died to take away our sin;

4 When Christ shall come with shout of  
 acclamation  
 and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
 and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

Russian hymn  
 tr. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989) altd.  
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### A prayer of adoration

Amazing God, your story is written on paper, etched in our minds and on our hearts, enacted in our living and our loving, and displayed in our words and our deeds.  
 We adore you and we want others to do the same; but first they need to hear your story and how our story touches your story.  
 We want others to know you as we know you, to be amazed as we are amazed, to adore you as we do.  
 We know you love each and every person; may telling our story reveal that truth to those we meet and greet in every part of our lives.  
 May our story resound with praise and adoration, for you are the God we adore. **Amen.**

### **A prayer of confession**

In your faithfulness, God of life and hope, hear our confession we pray.

We confess the words spoken and things done which have harmed us and hurt others this week; hasty words perhaps, unkind thoughts, acts of frustration. We confess words never spoken and things undone which have laid guilt upon us and left possibility incomplete; words of kindness or challenge left unsaid, acts of justice or generosity thought about but never acted upon.

We look beyond ourselves, and confess that your good creation and your beautiful human family all too often are broken by sin and wrecked by evil. Lord, forgive us. Forgive the things we know and the things we haven't noticed. Lift from us the guilt we carry. Set us free to serve you with joy and passion. Renew, restore, begin again your good news within us. Amen.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus Christ, you lived and died for us, and you live now for us. You live to love and to forgive us. Accept our confessions and wash us clean that we may know we are loved and forgiven. **Amen.**

### **An assurance of forgiveness**

Jesus, you have come to save us. Help us to hold, deep within our hearts, the truth that all can be saved, the most lost can be found, the most broken can be mended. We lay hold of this wonder, and let the wonder of your forgiveness renew us now. Through the power of your Spirit at work within each one of us. **Amen.**

### **A prayer of praise**

We unite with the whole world in praising you, creator God.

We come before you with gladness and thanksgiving.

We praise your goodness;

we praise your faithfulness;

we praise your tenderness.

We are yours and we worship you.

We bless your name for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Family Time**

#### **R&S 200 The kingdom of God is justice and joy**

1 The kingdom of God  
is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores  
what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory  
in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter  
the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God  
is mercy and grace,  
the prisoners are freed,  
the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed  
God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened  
in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God  
is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news,  
repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement  
for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come,  
the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun,  
in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom  
shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!'  
to God all in all.

Bryn A. Rees (1911-83)\*  
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**Epistle Reading****Romans 5:1-8****NT Page 143**

**5** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 9:35-10:8****NT Page 9***The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few*

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

*The Twelve Apostles*

**10** Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

*The Mission of the Twelve*

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**R&S 302 O Breathe of life, come sweeping through us**

1 O Breathe of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;

O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,

revive, restore; for this we plead.

3 O Breath of love, come, breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart:  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.

Elizabeth Porter Head (1850-1936)

**Reflection**

*A moment for personal reflection as Stephen plays the organ*

**R&S 353 There's a wideness in God's mercy**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

2 There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

3 There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in the Lord's unfathomed bliss.

4 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

5 But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

6 If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the glory of the Lord.

F. W. Faber (1814-63) altd.\*

**Our prayers of intercession**

Christ who was moved with compassion,  
you noticed the crowds,  
harassed, weary and searching for rest.  
We bring before you now,  
the needs of the world you love.

We pray for all who are worn down by life's adversities,  
for those living with illness or pain,  
for all struggling with stress or burnout,  
and for people carrying grief and loss.  
May each one be met with loving care,  
understanding and kindness.

We pray for all who live on the margins of society,  
for those who are excluded or judged,  
for all pushed to the edge through situation or circumstance,  
for people reduced to labels and hollow stereotypes.  
Where blame has spread like contagion,  
may dignity and humanity take root instead.

We pray for all who work to heal and restore,  
for doctors and nurses, carers and counsellors,  
for charity workers and volunteers,  
for all who quietly hold so much behind the scenes.  
Give strength for long days, patience when change is slow,  
and rest for weary bodies and hearts.

And we pray for ourselves and your church,  
sent out not with all the answers,  
but with the call to notice,  
to be moved with compassion,  
and to act with care.

Help us to offer peace where we can,  
to tread lightly and lovingly,  
to trust the Spirit at work within us.

We place these prayers into your care,  
trusting your compassion to hold  
what we cannot fix or carry alone. Amen.

**BPW 382 I will sing the wondrous story**

1 I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with the saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.*

2 I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*

**A sending out prayer**

Transforming God,  
as we go from here,  
may we be full of your amazing story,  
wanting to share it with those we meet,  
so that more lives may be transformed. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Lord, in your compassion and mercy, bless us this day.  
Lord, in your authority and power, send us this day.  
Lord, in your love and strength, sustain us this day.  
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and those whom we love, now and always. **Amen.**

**The Grace**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

3 Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path my feet may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*

4 He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet;  
then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story...*

F.H. Rowley (1854-1952)