

St Paul's Zoom Worship – 5th July 2020

Introduction to our theme

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.
Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.



Hymn: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name.
Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
Christ alone, Cornerstone

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne.
Christ alone, Cornerstone

Prayer of Penitence (*a time to say sorry to God*)

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

Collect (4th Sunday after Trinity)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-end

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

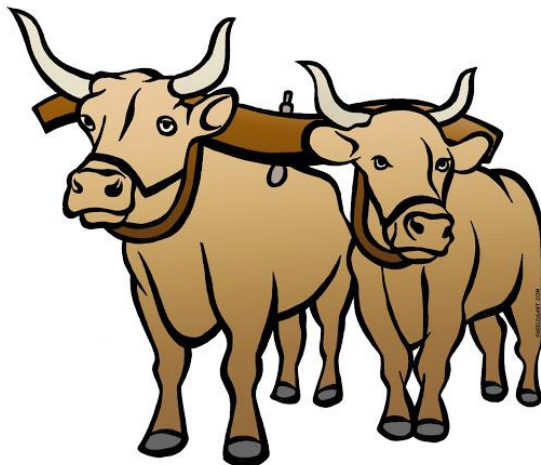
¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reflection



Sung Creed: I Believe

Our Father everlasting the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life, Forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father...

I believe in You, I believe You rose again, I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in God our Father..

I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth,
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.

Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Matt Crocker

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

We share the Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our
peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with
you. **And also with you.**

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the Dance went on. Dance then...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. Dance, then...

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Songwriters: Ronan Hardiman
Lord of the Dance lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**