

**St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe**  
**Zoom Gathering 10am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

## Perseverance

### Welcome and Introduction

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

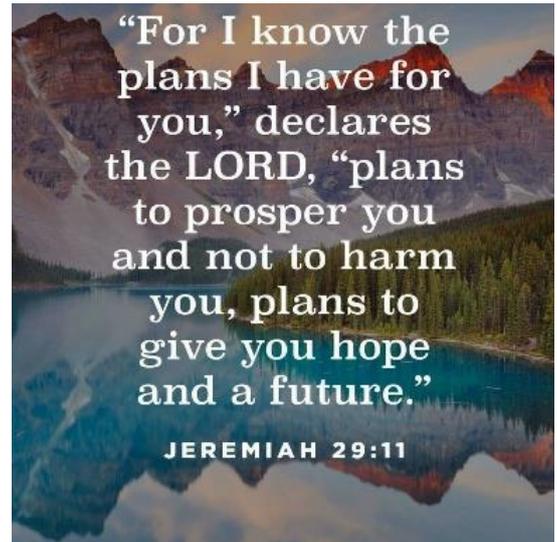
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing and peace.**

### Hymn: Fight the good fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.



Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.  
John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

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

We use the following response

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

**All: Christ, have mercy**

**All: Lord, have mercy**

**Absolution** (*Hear God's words of forgiveness*)

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** (*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible Readings**

**Jeremiah 27: 11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**I Peter 5: 6-11**

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**Romans 5: 1-5**

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.

**Reflection: Fenella Briggs**

**Song: Even when it Hurts (Praise Song)**

Take this fainted heart, take these tainted hands  
Wash me in your love, come like grace again.

Even when my strength is lost I'll praise you  
Even when I have no song I'll praise you  
Even when it's hard to find the words  
Louder than I'll sing your praise I will only sing your praise.

Take this mountain weight take these ocean tears  
Hold me through the trial come like hope again.

Even when the fight seems lost I'll praise you  
Even when it hurts like hell I'll praise you  
Even when it makes no sense to sing  
Louder then I'll sing your praise I will only sing your praise.

And my heart burns only for you, you are all you are all I want  
And my soul waits only for you and I will sing till the morning has come.

Lord my heart burns only for you, you are all you are all I want  
And my soul waits only for you and I will sing till the miracle comes.

I will only sing your praise, I will only sing your praise, I will only sing your praise.

Even when the morning comes I'll praise you  
Even when the fight is won I'll praise you  
Even when my time on earth is done  
Louder then I'll sing your praise I will only sing your praise.

*Hillsong UNITED Words and Music by Joel Houston*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith and trust 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.**

## **Intercessions**

**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.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

**Song: Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)** Hillsong United

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your Name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now. *So I will call...*

Spirit lead me where my  
trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour (*repeats*)

I will call upon Your Name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine.



## Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and evermore.