

Blessing and Blessed

A service of thankfulness and commitment



Rosie's last Sunday at St Paul's
Sunday 19th July 2026 10am

Thank you for joining us today for this special service.

Do stay for refreshments and the party afterwards.

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Congregational meeting – **next Thursday 23rd July 7.30pm** in church: Archdeacon Martin Breadmore will talk us through the process of recruiting our new vicar. Everyone from the church and community is welcome.

Reading: Numbers 6: 24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Welcome

The Lord is here!

His Sprit is with us.

Hymn: Bless the Lord, O my soul (10,000 reasons)

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul ...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul ...

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul ...

Confession

Christ came in humility to share our lives:

forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 5: 1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reflection



Song: Teach me to dance

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart*

You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth
In You is joy without measure
So, like a child in your sight I dance to see your delight
For I was made for your pleasure, pleasure. *Teach me to dance...*

Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say 'yes'
A will that leaps to obey you.
Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in your face
Let my whole being praise you, praise you. *Teach me to dance...*

Prayers and Intercessions

We may use this response

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

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 always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: Brother, sister let me serve you

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is always right to give You thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled Your world with life. You sent Your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; He died to save us from our sins; He rose in glory from the dead. You send Your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we celebrate with the angels singing:

**And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever
Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever**

Father, on the night before He died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked You. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked You, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

All Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember His death and resurrection, send Your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and His blood. Pour Your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for His coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to You, Father, with Jesus Your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen, Amen, Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord
 To the glory of God the Father.**

During Communion we are invited to join in singing:

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

*And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever.*

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all *(repeat)*

And the angels cry, Holy....

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

Notices

Musicians: A Blessing

Blessing

May the love of God create in you new life. May the power of God transform your old habits into new hope. May the Spirit of God grant you wisdom and vision, giving you courage to proclaim the good news of God's love to all. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen**

Hymn: Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

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