

The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton
Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities



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MORNING WORSHIP
with Rev DAVID PAYNE

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Words of Welcome & Introduction

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.
As God's people we are gathered in hope and unity:
Let us worship him together.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

*And as we recognise that God is with us by His Spirit today,
we ask that we may be filled with strength, healing and peace:*

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.

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

As we come into God's presence in worship, we are mindful of those things which we have failed to do, in the ways we have not been the people God has called us to be and we take a moment of quiet reflection.

The Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

Let us come to him in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

**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 Lord.
Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: All for Jesus

1 All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be:
you our only hope, our Saviour,
yours the love that sets us free!

3 All for Jesus--you have loved us,
all for Jesus--you have died,
all for Jesus--you are with us,
all for Jesus crucified.

5 All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be
till at last her children gather,
one in him eternally.

2 All for Jesus: you will give us
strength to serve you hour by hour;
none can move us from your presence
while we trust your grace and power.

4 All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
all our talents and our powers,
all our thoughts and words and actions,
all our passing days and hours.

Bible Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

Read by Gillian Kern

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Intercessions led by Jo Payne

The Lord's Prayer

We draw our prayers together with the prayer Jesus taught us

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Closing Prayers & Blessing

May the God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
Be yours and remain yours this day,
every day and for ever more
Amen

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