



Sunday 16 May 2021

Sunday Worship
with Rev DAVID PAYNE

Recorded on Flitton Moor,
in Silsoe & in Kenya

Greeting & Words of Praise

Sing to the Lord, and praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Declare his glory among the nations;
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

All: **Sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared more than all gods.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

All: **Sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship him in the splendour of his holiness.

All: **Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth.**

(Based on Psalm 96)

Collect for Today

Risen, ascended Lord.
As we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth
with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Video: Florence's story

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
pleasures pure and undefiled:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
- 4 For thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces, human and divine,
flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

Prayers of Penitence

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
All: forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
All: forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
All: forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
All: forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
All: forgive us our sin.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Read by Martyn Gates

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they had heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Address by Rev Dr Craig Gardiner

Hymn: Restore O Lord

1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again;
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
in Your refiner's fire
come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, He is reigning here.

4 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again;
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Graham Kendrick (born 1950) & Chris Rolinson

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Intercessions led by Rev Payne

Bidding: God in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing`

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and for the welfare of all people.

and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be yours and remain yours
now and for evermore. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remember in your
prayers this week:



Those who have recently
died, including

Thelma Bull

and their families and
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

*Des Brazier,
Alice Butler,
Kay Chambers,
Kara De Napoli
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),
Stella Lawton,
Sally Metianu,
Bill Powers,
Joan Preston
Malcolm Smith*

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks - great-grandson of Anne Stiles
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home



Rose's Story

Rose is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water. Without water, every day is a struggle. Without water, Rose is thirsty and hungry. This is her climate crisis.

'When I was a young girl, there was plenty of food,' Rose says.

Now, the rains are totally unreliable. The climate crisis has galvanised extreme weather and Rose's community are feeling the brunt of it. For months at a time, Rose lives with drought.

'I often feel hungry,' Rose says. 'Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be.'

In recent years, the drought has been so bad that it's caused a hunger crisis. Crops wither and die. Rivers run dry. People struggle to survive.

Rose strives to provide for her grandchildren who live with her. She does all she can to give them happy childhoods, but the climate crisis is driving her to the brink.

In times of drought, Rose sets out on a long and dangerous journey every morning to collect water for her family. She walks on an empty stomach.

We have to walk long distances. We are suffering,' Rose said.

While she walks, her stomach gives her stabbing pains. She feels weary under the hot sun. But if she gives up, her grandchildren will suffer hunger and thirst.

With a dam full of water, Rose would be free from her long, painful journeys. She'd have time to grow fresh vegetables for her family to eat. And she could see her grandchildren grow up and live life in all its fullness.

Join us this Christian Aid Week as we stand together with those on the front lines to battle coronavirus and fight for climate justice.

Pulloxhill – The collection from the service on 16 May will be donated to Christian Aid

Silsoe & Flitton have set up donation pages where you may make an online donation:

Flitton - <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-john-flitton>

Silsoe - <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/silsoechristianaidgroup>



Thy Kingdom Come is an annual prayer initiative that draws together Christians of all traditions right across the world.

For the nine days from Ascension day to Pentecost we will be praying for the coming of God's Kingdom in the lives of our friends and neighbours, in our churches and nations.

Perhaps this is a time to refresh your own prayers or take inspiration from the resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 23 MAY

8:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) in Flitton Church with Rev David Payne

9:30 am Holy Communion in Silsoe Church with Rev David Payne

11:00 am Morning Worship in Pulloxhill Church with by Rev David Payne, sermon by Roy Pinnock

Virtual Vicar: Sunday Worship

PULLOXHILL ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Will be held in Pulloxhill Church on Sunday 16 May, immediately following the 11:00 am service

ZOOM BIBLE BOOK GROUP

The next meeting is 17 May - all are welcome
This one will be on the Psalms
and is a study written by people in the Diocese of St. Edmonsbury.

We meet at 7:30pm on Mondays via Zoom and aim to finish by 9pm

This group is open to anyone who would like to join in.
Please contact Liz Coulson on liz.coulson@btinternet.com for more information
or to be added to the Zoom invitation.



TEA at THREE on Sunday 16 May

ZOOM time together every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm – everybody welcome.

A chance to catch up with others, laugh, moan, get things off your chest. .

Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or vicar@3churches.uk
for the ZOOM access code
(It's the same code every week.)

Would you like to take part in a Sunday Service?

Maybe you could read from the Bible or lead our prayers?

Would you like us to record a Sunday Service in your garden?

Maybe you could suggest a location where we could record?

If you would like to take part or you have somewhere we could record,
please contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or
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Join Chris Nixon and others for **20 minutes of prayer**
via Zoom, twice a week:
Mondays @ 21:00 hrs and Thursdays @ 09:00 hrs

All are welcome

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?
pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09)

Meeting ID: 751 6974 2287 Passcode: hf7e1x



Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle
and all of this because we need to spend time
with our 'Father in Heaven'

