

St Stephen's, Canonbury

Morning Worship Autumn 2020

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father,
we welcome you:

grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

But first, let us hear these words of scripture

God shows his love for us in this:

while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son,
we confess our sins to God.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

A canticle or psalm may be said

Great and Wonderful (From Revelation 15)

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour
and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
**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.
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.**

The collect

Scripture readings

Reflection

One of the following prayers may be said

Either A

**Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
be our starting point and our haven,
and accompany us in this day's journey.
Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

or B

**Dear Lord, we want to follow you each day,
strengthen us to step out in faith;
take our hands, and touch through them,
take our words, and speak through them,
take our lives, and shine through us,
that your love may touch all we meet. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, ever more. Amen