

The Benefice of Clavering, Langley, Arkesden,  
Wicken Bonhunt, Manuden and Berden

## Breakfast Service

25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Welcome, Notices and Introduction

#### Hymn

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| 1 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour<br>shown in earth and sky and sea,<br>burning sun and moonlight tender,<br>hill and river, flower and tree:<br>lest we fail our praise to render<br>touch our eyes that we may see. | 3 Lord of life, alone sustaining<br>all below and all above,<br>Lord of love, by whose ordaining<br>sun and stars sublimely move:<br>in our earthly spirits reigning,<br>lift our hearts that we may love.               |
| 2 Lord of wisdom, whom obeying<br>mighty waters ebb and flow,<br>while unshaking, undelaying,<br>planets on their courses go:<br>in thy laws thyself displaying,<br>teach our minds thyself to know.                      | 4 Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,<br>Lord of truth, our footsteps guide<br>till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,<br>and, with wisdom purified,<br>Lord of all, when all have known thee,<br>thou in all art glorified. |

#### Opening Prayers

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Psalm 95*

**All 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.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**Talk** – Let there be lights in the sky  
(from *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio)

#### Discussion

Ground Rules

- Make sure that everybody in your room has been introduced.
- Offer everybody on your table a chance to speak.
- Don't feel compelled to share personal information that you are not comfortable with revealing, but do try and think about your own experience while others are speaking.
- Respect reticence on the part of others.
- Please do not share what is talked about here outside.

## Questions

- How much is the wider creation brought into your church worship?
- How do you feel about the end of time?
- What does it mean to you to live in the now and the not yet?

## Psalm – Psalm 19.1-6

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

*All* **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.**

## Prayers

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## The Collect

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Our Father ...

## Hymn

- 1 From heaven you came, helpless babe, 3 Come see his hands and his feet,  
entered our world, your glory veiled; the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
not to be served but to serve, hands that flung stars into space,  
and give your life that we might live. to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

- 4 So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

- 2 There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn.  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said

## Dismissal

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil  
and keep us in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**