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and St Peter and St Paul Luddesdowne**

**Service of Morning Prayer   
from the Book of Common Prayer**

**Sunday 10th May 2020 – The Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Welcome and opening prayer**

**Hymn – Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Friends, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all humankind such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us remain a moment in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

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| ***All*** |  | **Almighty and most merciful Father,** |
|  | | **we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.** |
|  | | **We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.** |
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|  | | **We have offended against thy holy laws.** |
|  | | **We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;** |
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|  | | **and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;** |
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|  | | **and there is no health in us.** |
|  | | **But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.** |
|  | | **Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.** |
|  | | **Restore thou them that are penitent;** |
|  | | **according to thy promises declared unto mankind** |
|  | | **in Christ Jesu our Lord.** |
|  | | **And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,** |
|  | | **that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,** |
|  | | **to the glory of thy holy name.** |
|  | | **Amen.** |

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to us, thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All*** **Amen.**

***All*** **Our Father, which art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done,**

**in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive them that 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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips

**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

**First Reading – Acts 7: 55-end**

**Second Hymn – Love Divine**

**Venite, exultemus Domino**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts

as in the provocation,

and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me

proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said

It is a people that do err in their hearts,

for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath

that they should not enter into my rest *Psalm 95*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be**

**world without end. Amen.**

**The Benedictus**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel

for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us

in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets

which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham

 that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies

might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him

all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people

for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness,

and in the shadow of death

and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be**

**world without end. Amen.**

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| **Second Reading – John 14: 1-14**  **The Apostles' Creed** |  |

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|  | ***All*** |  | **I believe in God the Father almighty,** |
|  |  |  | **maker of heaven and earth:** |
|  |  |  | **and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,** |
|  |  |  | **who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,** |
|  |  |  | **born of the Virgin Mary,** |
|  |  |  | **suffered under Pontius Pilate,** |
|  |  |  | **was crucified, dead, and buried.** |
|  |  |  | **He descended into hell;** |
|  |  |  | **the third day he rose again from the dead;** |
|  |  |  | **he ascended into heaven,** |
|  |  |  | **and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;** |
|  |  |  | **from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.** |
|  |  |  | **I believe in the Holy Ghost;** |
|  |  |  | **the holy catholic Church;** |
|  |  |  | **the communion of saints;** |
|  |  |  | **the forgiveness of sins;** |
|  |  |  | **the resurrection of the body,** |
|  |  |  | **and the life everlasting.** |
|  |  |  | **Amen.** |

**Sermon**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done,**

**in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

**Intercessions are said**

**The Collect of the Day**

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Collect for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,

in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,

whose service is perfect freedom;

defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;

that we, surely trusting in thy defence,

may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father,

almighty and everlasting God,

who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;

defend us in the same with thy mighty power;

and grant that this day we fall into no sin,

neither run into any kind of danger,

but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,

to do always that is righteous in thy sight;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Hymn – How Great Thou Art**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**and the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,**

**be with us all evermore.**

**Amen.**

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