

St Cuthbert's Service
21st June 2020 10.00am

SING: Before the throne of God above

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord is good.
God's mercy is abundant.
Let us draw near to God's presence.

2. A GATHERING PRAYER

Lord, help us to share
the challenges of discipleship;
help us to support each other;
unite us in your steadfast goodness;
strengthen and envision us
to face the challenges ahead;
and may we faithfully play our part
in your mission to this world.

Amen.

3. A PRAYER OF APPROACH

O Lord, we enter into your steadfast love,
asking that you will respond to our prayers;
we trust in your abundant mercy and ask that
you will come to us.

O Lord, make your presence known to us;
draw near to us; redeem us, set us free;
for we seek to be your faithful disciples.

Amen.

4. CONFESSION

We are sorry for the times
we get our priorities wrong –
when we do not put you first;
when we fail to see
the needs of our neighbours;
when we lack the courage and faithfulness
of true disciples.
Grant us forgiveness; grant us perseverance;
grant us vision;
that we may serve you as you desire,
and play our part in establishing your kingdom.
Amen.

We hear and receive God's forgiveness:

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

5. PRAYER FOR TODAY ('collect')

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your
living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1ST BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was
enticed; you have overpowered me, and you
have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock
all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For
whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout,
'Violence and destruction!' For the word of
the Lord has become for me a reproach and
derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, 'I will not
mention him, or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a
burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary
with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear
many whispering: 'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my
close friends are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail
against him, and take our revenge on him.'
¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they
will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed. Their eternal
dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of
hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart
and the mind; let me see your retribution upon
them, for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has
delivered the life of the needy from the hands of
evildoers.

2ND BIBLE READING: Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God;
³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love
to all who call on you.
⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
⁸ There is none like you among the gods,
O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.
¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it
and be put to shame, because you, Lord,
have helped me and comforted me.

SING: You are good and forgiving
(based on Psalm 86)

³RD BIBLE READING: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴ ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against

his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

TALK

SING: Lord,
I come before Your throne of grace
(What a faithful God have I)

6. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

7. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

8. LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name

Your will be done

Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven

Your will be done

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who sin against us

Your will be done

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Your will be done

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

9. BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SING: I have decided to follow Jesus

10. A SENDING OUT PRAYER

May you have discernment
to see whom to serve.
May you have wisdom
to know how to serve.
May you have strength
to serve as a faithful disciple
of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.