

St Cuthbert's Service
5th July 2020 10.00am

SING: Come, people of the Risen King

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

Let us come to the Lord Jesus.
Let us seek his rest.

2. A GATHERING PRAYER

We are here today, Lord, to worship you.
As we bow our heads before you,
we want to be amazed by your wisdom,
bowled over by your love,
and completely lost in you.
Lord, open our hearts to receive you,
in ways beyond whatever
we could ever ask or even think.

3. A PRAYER OF APPROACH

Father God, we are here today,
to praise you, to learn from you.
Your wisdom, shown to us through Jesus,
your most precious Son,
is far greater than that of the world.
It has the power to confound
all our expectations.

We approach you now as children,
sitting at your feet,
bathed in your love,
hanging on your every word.
Speak to us, Lord.

Amen.

4. CONFESSION

Dear Lord,
it doesn't always sink in
just who I am talking to
when I come before you.
I don't fully get it,
that I'm in the presence of such a mighty God.

Please, Lord, forgive me for the times
when my picture and understanding of you
are far too small;
when I try to fit you into that tiny box

that I think I can cope with;
when I'm frightened to let your power loose
in my life.

Forgive me, Lord, and make me whole.
Amen.

We hear and receive God's forgiveness:

May the Father of all mercies
cleans 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')

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

1ST BIBLE READING: Psalm 145:8-15

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all
that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you,
O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory
of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to all people
your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures
throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

SING: Come on and celebrate

2ND BIBLE READING:
Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶ ‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵ I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

TALK

**SING: I heard the voice of Jesus say:
‘Come unto Me and rest’**

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 cannot tell

10. A SENDING OUT PRAYER

Jesus has called us to come to him
and blessed us with his richness.
Now he sends us out into his world,
to make sure people see him,
and listen to him, through us.

What a responsibility, what a joy,
what a privilege.

We are yours, Lord. Use us as you will.
Amen.