

St John the Evangelist – Rownhams
& St Boniface - Nursling

Morning Prayer

(March 2020)

COMING TOGETHER



Leader Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Welcome & Notices

HYMN O God our Help

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all who breathe away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

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

The Confession (KNEEL/SIT)

All **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins, and
help us to overcome our faults, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader **May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son
to be our Saviour, forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy
to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

Pause for reflection

All **Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and
serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

We may say a Psalm.

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.**



New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the LORD forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

John 19:25-27 25

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Reader This is the gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you O Lord.**

Sermon

HYMN

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

The Apostles' Creed (Stand)

All **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 (KNEEL/SIT)

These responses will be used:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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



The Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.**

CONCLUSION

(KNEEL/SIT)

We say one of these prayers:

**Almighty and everlasting Father,
thank you that you have brought us safely to this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
To deny yourselves, take up your cross
and follow him, and the blessing.....

Amen.



HYMN.

To God be the glory!
Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory!
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory!
Great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
Through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory!
Great things He hath done!

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**