

# THE PARISH OF FRIERN BARNET

Trinity 13  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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## OPENING HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*H.F.Lyth (1793-1847)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

## **Introduction**

The theme of our worship today invites us to reflect on our church communities and whether we value the privilege of being freely able to worship together. We also consider how we deal with conflict and disagreement within our communities.

**All Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins and commit to turning from wrong ways and living.

We take our church communities for granted, and fail to understand and appreciate what a privilege it is to be able to express our faith and worship freely and openly together.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy.**

We harden our hearts when we have done wrong and become insular, forgetting that we are part of something greater than ourselves.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

We deal unjustly and harshly with others when they have done wrong, forgetting that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy.**

*The priest says the absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.****

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **READING Romans 13: 8-14**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not

covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 119 v 33-40**

The response is: My delight shall be in your commandments.

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Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;

I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to unjust gain. **R/**

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;

O give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which stands for all who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness give me life. **R/**

## **THE GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15-20 (read by Fr Ben)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All *Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All *Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **SERMON by Fr Ben**

### **THE CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (led by Joyce Brand)**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father...

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

#### **HYMN**

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of peace and love,  
may our offering bring you true worship  
and make us one with you.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who 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.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world;  
happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*The priest receives communion on behalf of all those joining in the service, as those at home make an Act of Spiritual Communion joining with Fr Ben in saying...*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly  
pilgrimage until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **THE BLESSING**

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,  
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **FINAL HYMN**

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.**

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with ev'ry fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

***Please always stay safe – continue to follow the current rules on hygiene and self-isolation – to protect yourselves and others, especially the vulnerable.***

### **For our prayers:**

Please continue to remember ***the victims of racism and injustice around the world***. Also ***Kiyoko Kotaka, Judith French***, those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

**Birthdays: Ngozi Adeyemo, Avyana Seraphin, Lindsay Gillham**

### **Notices**

**APCM:** We have received notification from the Diocese that Parishes can now proceed to hold their delayed APCMs – so accordingly please make a note that we shall be holding ours, on Zoom, after the 10am Service on Sunday, 11 October. In addition to electing Church Wardens and members of the PCC, we will also be electing Deanery Synod

members. Please do let one of the Wardens know if you wish to stand for election for any of these important roles.

**PCC:** The next meeting of the PCC is due to be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8pm.

**Parish Finances:** Many thanks to all of you who have used the Parish's online giving account over the summer. In addition to making a payment direct to the Parish bank account:-

**Account Name:** Friern Barnet PCC

**Reference:** Donation

**Sort Code:** 40-52-40

**Account No:** 00011551

the link can still be found on the St John's web address or payments can be made via the QR code below or you can use the QR code reader.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7dba3a49-2db8-4990-b079-42eab9d7729c>



**Food Bank:** The Food Bank continues to welcome donations as it too has experienced a huge drop in its income this year. If you are able, please make a much needed donation via the link below which will take you straight to the Pembroke Road Food Bank donations page: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10986>

**Open Church.** St John's church continues to be open for socially distant private prayer on Saturday mornings from 10am – noon. Later in the month we are planning to open the Church once again for Sunday morning services. Please watch this space for further details.

**Contact:** If you have any questions or require help or support from the parish please contact Ed Newman on 07940 529905 (email: [ed.newman01@gmail.com](mailto:ed.newman01@gmail.com)) or Helen Edwards on 07802 709081 (email: [helen.edwards130@gmail.com](mailto:helen.edwards130@gmail.com))