

# CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



Morning Prayer

Trinity 7

11am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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Musical Prelude – Jonathan Stanley

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

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

Awaken from your slumber,  
and bring your fears and anxieties  
into the presence of the Lord our God.  
Hear the call of our Shepherd,  
and allow His voice  
to lead from selfish ambition  
to the feast of grace.  
May the light of Christ  
shine into the hidden darkness of our lives  
and restore us  
for the service of the Lord.

Come let us worship God.

**Hymn 459** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (see page 7)*

### ***Penitence***

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
**call upon him while he is near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways  
**and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;  
**to our God who will richly pardon.**

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*cf Psalm 51*

Lord of mercy, grant us your pardon and peace;  
that cleansed from our sins and with peace in our hearts,  
we may be free to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed be the Lord,  
**who has heard the voice of our prayer.**  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

*Psalm 28.7,9*

### ***Proclaiming and Receiving the Word***

#### **2 Samuel 7: 1-14a**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I

will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

**Psalm 23 The Lord's my shepherd [T&P147 – see page 7]**

**Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

***Collect of the Word***

Eternal God,  
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:  
guide us by your Word and Spirit  
amid all perils and temptations,  
that we may not wander from your way,  
but may run our course in safety  
until we come to our eternal rest in you;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Sermon**

***The Response to God's Word***

Let us declare our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

### ***The Prayers of the People***

#### **Collect of the Day**

**Lord of all power and might,**

**the author and giver of all good things:**

**Graft in our hearts the love of your name,**

**increase in us true religion,**

**nourish us with all goodness,**

**and of your great mercy keep us in the same;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Let us ask God for rest for the weary ...

We pray for those who are sick and weighed down in body or spirit,

for those who are overworked,

for those who need a break,

for those who near the end of life.

May they know Your peace.

Let us ask God to guide those who are lost or perplexed ...

We pray for all who need shepherding,

and for those who teach and guide others,

in their work, in their home, in their voluntary service.

May they give and receive Your peace.

Let us ask God to provide for the hungry ...  
We pray for all who hunger and thirst,  
for relief organisations,  
for the governments of the world,  
for those who rule in our Island state.  
May they find peace, create peace, work for peace.

Let us ask God to open places for good news ...  
We pray for people who do not know how much You love them,  
and for all who share the gospel.  
May Your Spirit break down barriers, open hearts, bring peace.

Let us take a moment of quiet to ask God to hear the prayers of our own minds and hearts  
...

These and all our prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, and pray in His words,

**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.**

<b><i>Going Out as God's People</i></b>
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Do not fear or be dismayed - we are eternally safe in the arms of Jesus ...  
May the Lord God shepherd us with His Word and Spirit,  
and gather us at the last into His fold.

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

T&P 120 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (*see page 8*)

Recessional music – Jonathan Stanley

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**Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
11am Family Morning Prayer

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### **Announcements**

#### **Rev. Baden Stanley**

As of last Monday, Baden is on indefinite sick leave. Until interim arrangements are clarified, and with the office closed, please contact David Reynolds at 087 918 7792 for any assistance. David can liaise with neighbouring clergy should any pastoral emergency arise.

The Parish Office is closed in July and August, but emails and telephone messages will be monitored. Parish Office 01 286 2968

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## Hymn 549

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love.

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*John G. Whittier (1807-92)*

## The Lord's my shepherd [T&P147]

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.  
***And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.***

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

*Stuart Townend*

## **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the Gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
With a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
With a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

*Rusty Edwards (b1955)*