**Sunday October 11th 2020**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God,

increase in us your gift of faith

that, forsaking what lies behind

and reaching out to that which is before,

we may run the way of your commandments

and win the crown of everlasting joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Or

God, our judge and saviour,

teach us to be open to your truth

and to trust in your love,

that we may live each day

with confidence in the salvation which is given

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

**Readings**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

**Post-Communion Prayer**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,

here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign

with all your saints for ever.

**Amen.**

**10am Hymns to be played/sung by Claire Lloyd only**

**Amazing grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.  
  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**Rejoice in the Lord always**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!  
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Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!  
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**Be thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; and I thy true heir,  
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,

be thou my armour, and be thou my might,

thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,

raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor all the world’s praise;  
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'ns sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.