

Worship at Home

Third Sunday after Trinity

With the Rev Chris Lee and the congregation of St Saviour's, Wendell Park London

HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness

Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields from their homes

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Words: Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: How Great thou art

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you.

Good morning, welcome everyone to this our online service, the Third Sunday after Trinity, it's wonderful to be with you my name is the Rev Chris Lee, I am here as the vicar in St Saviour's in West London. The contributors to today's service are Charlie Wheeler, will be doing our first reading, he is a member of the young Franciscans, a new monastic movement for young people, and he is also an Ordinand in the Church of England.

The Gospel will be read by Carlene Fantuzzi, she's a member here of the congregation of St Saviour's. Our responses will be led by Lauren Anne-Mckenna, also one of the young Franciscans, and the prayers will be led by my wonderful wife Jenny. I hope that you are able to enjoy, be blessed and contribute to this service. God is with you even though we are through a screen, his presence is there, and his presence is here, so let us begin together.

The president says

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and his peace, now and for ever.

All Amen.

This is Grace, she is one of our worship leaders here at St Saviour's Church and she is going to lead us in some worship now.

MUSIC

Lord, I need you

Performed by Grace Park

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
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A REFLECTION ON CHRISTIAN WELCOME

Tom, Engineering Student, Bristol University

Hi, my name is Tom and I'm an engineering student at Bristol University. I'm part of a church plant in the city centre of Bristol. For me, welcome and hospitality is so important as I believe church at its centre is community.

I had an incredible opportunity a couple of years ago to spend some time abroad and I remember distinctly, four days after moving there, walking into a church for the first time, not knowing anyone, but when I walked out I met a tonne of new friends, grabbed mobile phone numbers from most of them and had an opportunity to go grab ice cream with them as well. For me, the welcome was the reason why I stayed in that church for the next two and a half months and is the reason when people come to my church back at home I want to make them feel equally as welcome.

Many of us students during the lockdown period have had to adjust to a church online. I found an amazing opportunity to run an Alpha group which is an opportunity to chat to people about faith, life and meaning who might never walk into a church. For this reason it's really important, especially on, say Zoom calls to put extra energy into getting to know people and that's my top tip, is to put in extra energy, be intentional and really get to know people. Imagine that they've come to your house, yes you might not be able to offer tea and cake, but you can still find out what interests they have, and find out about their family or their life, and people will really warm to it, and I've had the opportunity to make some great friends this period.

A reader says

A reading from the Letter to the Romans. (6.12-end)

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed?

The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A REFLECTION ON CHRISTIAN WELCOME

Fiona, Team Manager

Hello my name is Fiona, and I'm team manager of nine churches in Stroud, and I have in the first 27 years of my life moved thirty one times, that's a lot of hospitality and welcoming, to have received. I have discovered that the first invitation is really important and when I am in a church or some other setting I look around for new faces and I'm never sure whether they have been there for a while, so what I say to them is that, we haven't met before, and introduce myself, and then I'll keep asking questions until I find something that we've got in common. I then try and make sure that I invite more to the next invitation, and never assume they'll just come back and that might be introducing them to somebody else who's got a common interest, it could be I invite them to something I'm doing with another group or come for coffee, or walk or even invite them that day for Sunday lunch. But, whatever it is make sure that invitation is clear. What I've discovered really is that for hospitality and welcome to be effective that there has to be something on building a friendship and actually many of my best friends I've made by being really welcoming. To have that genuine interest and that caring of people makes all the difference and it's not complicated.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew. (10.40-end)

The gospeller says

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

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

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev Chris Lee

MUSIC

Who you say I am

Performed by Grace Park

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am.

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am.

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am.

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Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

Led by Jenny Lee

(Music: Flute solo, played by Hannah Gillingham, 'It is well with my soul')

Now we come to a time of prayer, let us pray.

Thank you, God, for this day, we pray your blessing over it. That we would see beauty in your world and in the people around us. We pray that you would uplift the struggling and comfort the grieving. Thank you that you are with us today and every day.

Lord Jesus we pray for your wisdom in this coronavirus pandemic, we pray that you would guide those in leadership to make right decisions, we pray your blessing over key workers, and we pray for peace, patience and resilience for all of us. Particularly we remember those living in and working in refugee camps.

We pray for the global conversation about racism, with Black Lives Matter, that you would bless press agencies with wisdom and clarity, so that the voices that need to be heard, will be heard. We pray that change towards a more equal world will come from this, and we pray that we would all be challenged to realise when we make unfair assumptions, or write people off, help us to remember that people are precious.

We pray for vision for the future, we pray for inspiration and hope to strive for things to be better, for more global unity and cooperation in international concerns, for greater care for vulnerable communities, for greater care for the earth, help us to be a blessing in this world.

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

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

We say together the words of the Lord's prayer.

**Our Father, who art 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.**

So, as we draw our service to a close may you know again God's welcome in your heart, in your life and may you offer that welcome to all who you come in contact with.

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
the Lord be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you his peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you this day and always.
(All) **Amen.**

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Sung by the musicians of Holy Trinity Platt Church, Manchester, directed by Olly Hamilton

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on that cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Words: Stuart K Hine (1899-1989)

Tune: How great thou art

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