

All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Sunday 13th September 2020

*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship,
Service and Numbers.*



PARISH PRAISE

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If this is your first visit to Sanderstead, please do make yourself known to us. And if you would like to know more about the Christian faith please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge. Our contact details are on the website: www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

The flowers at the Lectern are given in loving memory of Jack Walder who died on the 8th September 1991, from Kathleen, Jeremy and Elizabeth.

Today we will be thinking about forgiveness - and how to forgive. If you are joining us for worship online, links to the songs are shown on this service sheet.

Welcome, Introduction and Opening Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKIqmdfH5k>

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 forever 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!*

[cont.]

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 14th Sunday after Trinity

**Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,**

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

**for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.**

The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.**

But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—

**with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.**

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

**Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.**

READING: Matthew 18: 21-35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**Why we Forgive,
by
Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. He served as chair of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Talk: How to Forgive, by Canon Martin

DECLARING OUR FAITH:
We say together the following

**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 *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

**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**

Notices

CONCLUSION (*We stand and say together:*)

**To the Mighty God who is able to keep us from falling,
to the Saving Christ who upholds all who are down
to the powerful Spirit, who restores us to life,
to our loving and life-giving God be glory and praise.**

CONCLUDING BLESSING

(We remain standing while Revd Jeremy brings our service to a conclusion with a Blessing)

Closing Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mo3MGpcBC5M>

GOD FORGAVE MY SIN IN JESUS' NAME,

I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

He said:

*'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.