

Prayers including:-

The Collect for the Day

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Music

Our commitment:

Leader: In a world where there is racism, hatred, and division

People: May we bring unity and community, O God.

Leader: In a world where there is meaninglessness and emptiness

People: May we bring purpose and hope, O God.

Leader: In a world where we so readily abuse and take for granted the natural resources and living creation around us

People: May we respect and cherish all you have created

Leader: Lead us forth, Spirit of God, in joy and in faith, in truth and in freedom

People: In ways known and unknown, may we follow. Amen

Blessing and Grace

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our heaven and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands to do the work of your creation and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all. Amen.

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St Petroc's and St Mary's



Open-air Morning Service for Sunday August 30th 2020

Welcome

Leader: But ask the animals and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. (Job 12:7-10)

Opening prayer

All: Eternal God, we thank you for the glory of your creation -- a mystery that surpasses our knowledge. We thank you for the earth and water, sun and wind, creatures and peoples – cultures — nations.

Guide us as we gather to confess that we have violated the gift of life given to us.

Strengthen us as we seek to affirm that the earth and all therein is yours. Enable us as to show your love and care for all your creation. In Jesus' name. Amen

Music

Confession

Creator of the universe, everything that we have comes from you. Abundantly you provide for our needs. Even before we speak, you know the deepest desires of our hearts. Graciousness and goodness are your nature. Yet we turn our backs on what is good. We greedily snatch the gifts you hold out to us and hoard them for ourselves alone. We trample upon the works of your hands. Selfishness and greed mark our footsteps. We leave a trail of waste and destruction behind us. What is meant for good, we use for evil. Forgive us, gracious God, and give us a special concern for your world. Amen

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Open our lips, Lord:

All and we shall praise your name.

Bible readings

Genesis 2 v1-9

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Matthew 6 v 25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Sermon

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.