

St Paul's Church, Shipley

Sunday Together



12th September 2020

Featuring Elements of Greenbelt's 'Wild at Home' festival

Welcome

Hymn

Come, all you vagabonds,
Come all you 'don't belongs'
Winners and losers,
Come, people like me.
Come all you travellers
Tired from the journey,
Come wait a while, stay a while,
Welcomed you'll be.

Come all you questioners
Looking for answers,
And searching for reasons
And sense in it all;
Come all you fallen,
And come all you broken,
Find strength for your body
And food for your soul.

Come to the feast,
There is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
Who welcomes us in,
With the wonder of love,
And the power of grace.

Come those who worry
'Bout houses and money,
And all those who don't have
A care in the world;
From every station
And orientation,

The helpless, the hopeless,
The young and the old.

Come to the feast,
There is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
Who welcomes us in,
With the wonder of love,
And the power of grace.

Come all believers
And dreamers and schemers,
And come all you restless
Just searching for home;
Movers and shakers
And givers and takers,
The happy, the sad
And the lost and alone.

Come self-sufficient
With wearied ambition,
And come those who feel
At the end of the road.
Fiery debaters
And religion haters,
Accusers, abusers,
The hurt and ignored.

Come to the feast,
There is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
Who welcomes us in,
With the wonder of love,
And the power of grace.

Reading: Exodus 20: 1-21

20 Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come

only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”²¹ Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Creed

We believe that God Creator
Spoke and brought the world to birth.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We believe our Saviour Jesus,
lived and died with us on earth.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We believe the Holy Spirit,
Soaks the world with love and grace.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

This we share with every Christian,
throughout time in every place

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Children’s Activity, including reading from Matthew 22: 34 - 40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question

to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Song: Love the Lord your God

Matthew 22, verses 34 to 40

One day a Pharisee came to Jesus Christ and he said “tell me what’s the greatest commandment?”

This is what He said:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.”

“Love your neighbour as yourself and do to others as you’d have them do to you.”

Confession

What have we done to your earth, O God?

How have we spoiled your planet?

Forgive us Lord.

What have we done to ourselves, O God?

Wasteful of our gifts, we have tried to shape and sculpt our bodies seeking beauty in sameness instead of loving what you have given.

Forgive us Lord.

What have we done to each other, O God?

Pushed away people in whom you are incarnate. Made walls to divide and invented differences where there were none, instead of finding you in each other.

Forgive us Lord.

Talk

Hymn

Heaven shall not wait
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord:
he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege -
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait
for our legalised obedience,
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:
Jesus is Lord:
he has hallmarked true allegiance -
goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.

Heaven shall not wait
for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:

Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
I bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand;
we all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame and power;
and him our only portion make,
our Shield and Tower.

The God of Abraham praise,
Whose all sufficient grace
Shall guide us all our happy days,
In all our ways.
He is our faithful friend,
He is our gracious God
And He will save us to the end
Through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn –
We on His oath depend –
We shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
To heaven ascend:
We shall behold His face,
We shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace for evermore.a

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's God and mine;
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise!