



## Welcome to St Botolph's Church

Jesus said "If anyone is thirsty,  
let them come to me and drink"

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. **Let us recognize his presence with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered: **let us worship him together.**

### Hymn

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along:  
for love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!  
(Amen, amen.)

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **We say sorry to God and one another**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **We are forgiven**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Collect**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.**

## **Old Testament Reading - Job 23:1-9** *read by Philip Elwell*

**23** Then Job replied:

<sup>2</sup> 'Even today my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.

- <sup>3</sup> If only I knew where to find him;  
if only I could go to his dwelling!
- <sup>4</sup> I would state my case before him  
and fill my mouth with arguments.
- <sup>5</sup> I would find out what he would answer me,  
and consider what he would say to me.
- <sup>6</sup> Would he vigorously oppose me with great power?  
No, he would not press charges against me.
- <sup>7</sup> There the upright can establish their innocence before him,  
and there I would be delivered for ever from my judge.
- <sup>8</sup> 'But if I go to the east, he is not there;  
if I go to the west, I do not find him.
- <sup>9</sup> When he is at work in the north, I do not see him;  
when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading - Mark 10.17-31** *(please stand) read by Philip Elwell*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

<sup>18</sup> 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."' "

<sup>20</sup> 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?'

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

<sup>29</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord      **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn**

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Stedfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,  
For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand;  
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,  
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.

It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers have told the reef is near;  
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

It will surely hold in the floods of death,  
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;  
On the rising tide it can never fail,  
While our hopes abide within the veil.

### **We declare our faith in God**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers** *led by David Poppleton*

*We reflect on our giving during the hymn.*

## **Hymn**

New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

## Communion

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

### **Breaking the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**



## **Prayer after Communion**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

Christ is the world's true light,  
its Captain of salvation,  
the Daystar clear and bright  
of every land and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
for all who own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord,  
all shall forsake their fear,  
to plough-share beat the sword,  
to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own thee;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

## **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

**Closing Voluntary:** Imprompty by Krebs

*Please stay for refreshments in the hall (at the end of the corridor)*

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Giving is an important part of our worship.

Did you know, one of the easiest way to give is by using the Parish Giving Scheme?

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/colchester-st-botolph-colchester/>

## **NOTICES**

Bible Study Group – Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm

Whether you're a regular or a complete beginner, we'd love to welcome you to join us as we study God's Word together, beginning with refreshments.

Midday Prayer Space – Wednesdays, 12-1pm

A quiet, reflective space in the church for prayer and/or a peaceful space away from the hustle and bustle of the city. All are welcome to pop in during this open hour.

Betty Warner's funeral will take place Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at St. Botolph's at 1.15 pm

**St Bot's Kids Church** has begun for primary-age children. We'd love to welcome new members so do be praying and asking God if there is someone you know that would like to join the fun! For more details, please speak to Emma.

Everyone is invited to our **Pre Advent Retreat** in the church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Bring your own picnic lunch, and if you are planning to come, please email [stbotolphscolchester@outlook.com](mailto:stbotolphscolchester@outlook.com)

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

- 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am - Morning Worship led by Clive Joyce LLM  
27<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am - Holy Communion led by Revd. Chris Smith  
with Junior Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30 am - Morning Worship led by Michael Foster  
10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am - Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion  
led by Revd. Chris Smith with Junior Church

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