



BRAMHALL ST MICHAELS

PARISH CHURCH OF BRAMHALL

*Come as you are*

COMMUNITY INCLUSION DISCIPLESHIP



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 10am**

# **WELCOME**

To young and to old  
**We welcome you**

To rich and to poor  
**We welcome you**

To loud and to quiet  
**We welcome you**

To regular and to visitor  
**We welcome you**

To happy and to sad  
**We welcome you**

To God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
**We welcome you**

# **HYMN**

**I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Saviour on that cursed tree.**

**His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone.**

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

**Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King**

**He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

# PSALM 116

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

1 Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness; ♦  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts; ♦  
praise him according to his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; ♦  
praise him upon the harp and lyre.

**4 Praise him with timbrel and dances; ♦  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with ringing cymbals; ♦  
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

**6 Let everything that has breath ♦  
praise the Lord.  
Alleluia.**

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

## **“EVEN THE ROCKS WILL CRY OUT”**

Jesus said: “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (Luke 19:40)

Hold the stone you picked up on the way in.

Notices all the features of the stone.

Recall all the times where your praise of God may have been less than it should have been.

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.     **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

# **HYMN**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
Might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
Knows and names them as they shine  
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Sing and praise your God and mine!**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know.  
Those who fear him find his mercies,  
Peace for pain and joy for woe;  
Humble hearts are high exalted,  
Human pride and power laid low.  
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
Spring to melt the snows of winter  
Till the waters flow again;  
Grass upon the mountain pastures,  
Golden valleys thick with grain.  
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Peace and plenty crown your days!  
Love his laws, declare his judgements,  
Walk in all his words and ways;  
He the Lord and we his children,  
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!  
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Peace and plenty crown your days!**

# **PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

# BIBLE READING

## Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?  
He who brings out their host

and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from  
the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God'?

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

# ALL – IN SYNC

## **Reading the Word**

Use the bible readings we have heard included in this service to reflect on who God is to you.

## **Share the Question**

Join a small group for a discussion using the questions found at the back of this order of service.

## **Using our Hands**

Decorate your stone to remind you to praise God in all seasons of life. Take it home and put it somewhere where it will remind you to praise God every day.

## **Children's Story**

In the children's area, gather round for a short story.

## **Go for a Walk**

Take this time to walk around our grounds and notice the signs of spring. Reflect on where God is within these symbols of new life.

## **Write a Psalm**

David, the author of the psalms, used them to praise God, to speak about who he was, but also to offer his feelings and experiences to God. Try writing your own.  
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# THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

## SHARING 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift  
that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

# **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We welcome all who are confirmed or communicant members of any church to receive communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to the front for a prayer of blessing, holding this order of service. Please use this time during which communion is distributed as a time of reflection and prayer.*

*There is provision of gluten-free wafers. If you need this please make the ministers aware when you go to receive communion.*

# **A PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have put your life into our hands;  
Now we put our lives into yours.  
Take us,  
Renew and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
What we shall be, through you,  
Still awaits us.  
Lead us on.  
Take us with you.  
Amen

## **THE BLESSING**

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,  
And bring you to see God at work,  
And the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## **HYMN**

**Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or fainting sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy hearts wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in us adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

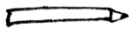
## **DISMISSAL**

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

# **SHARE THE QUESTION**

- 1. Who is God to you?**
- 2. When you talk about worship, what are you talking about?**
- 3. Is worship more than just coming to church?**
- 4. When do you struggle to worship God?**
- 5. Does worshipping God make a difference in your life?**

WRITE YOUR OWN



# PSALM



FILL IN THE BLANKS

AND doodle AROUND THE PAGE AS YOU TALK TO GOD.

GOD YOU ARE:

IN MY LIFE  
YOU HAVE:



HELP ME TO:

I STRUGGLE  
WITH THIS:

BE AS HONEST AS YOU LIKE WITH  
GOD HERE - THE PSALMISTS WERE!

I TRUST THAT  
YOU ARE:

FOR INSPIRATION, READ SOME PSALMS AND SEE HOW THEY SPOKE TO GOD.

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