



# Melton Mowbray Team Parish

## Trinity 9

9.30 am 1st August 2021

### WELCOME

“Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

John 6:35

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**ALL: God was.**

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

**ALL: God is.**

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfilment,

**ALL: God will be.**

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**ALL: God was, God is, God will be.**

Unclutter our lives, Lord;

**ALL: we have too much, consume too much, expect too much.**

Grant us perspective;

**ALL: to see this world through others' eyes than just our own.**

Grant us compassion;

**ALL: where there is need to play our part, not turn aside.**

Grant us gratitude

**ALL: for what we have, our daily bread, the gift of life.**

Unclutter our lives, Lord,

**ALL: give us space, simplicity, thankful hearts...**

And forgive us our sins. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

### THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

**ALL: 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,

**ALL: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

**ALL: 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.

**ALL: 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;

**ALL: 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,

**ALL: the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**ALL: With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**ALL: We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**ALL: We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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| <p>1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,<br/>Zion, city of our God!<br/>He, whose Word cannot be broken,<br/>Formed thee for his own abode;<br/>On the Rock of Ages founded,<br/>What can shake thy sure repose?<br/>With salvation's walls surrounded,<br/>Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.</p> <p>2 See, the streams of living waters,<br/>Springing from eternal love,<br/>Well supply thy sons and daughters,<br/>And all fear of want remove:<br/>Who can faint while such a river<br/>Ever flows their thirst to assuage?<br/>Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,<br/>Never fails from age to age.</p> | <p>3 Round each habitation hovering,<br/>See the cloud and fire appear,<br/>For a glory and a covering,<br/>Showing that the Lord is near;<br/>Thus they march, the pillar leading<br/>Light by night and shade by day<br/>Daily on the manna feeding<br/>Which he gives them when they pray.</p> <p>4 Saviour, if of Zion's city,<br/>I through grace a member am,<br/>Let the world deride or pity,<br/>I will glory in thy name;<br/>Fading is the worldling's pleasure,<br/>All his boasted pomp and show;<br/>Solid joys and lasting treasure<br/>None but Zion's children know.</p> |
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### **COLLECT / Special Prayer for the Day**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

**ALL: Amen**

### **READING: John 6:24-35**

- <sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.
- <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
- <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- <sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- <sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."
- <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **REFLECTION**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **PRAYERS**

Lord, as we come before you to pray for the needs of others, we ask you in turn to tell us what you would have from us.

Lord, we long to dwell together in unity, and we know that nothing would gladden your heart more. Yet we seem unable to achieve this. As each one of us continues on our pilgrim way, let us at least rest together, sharing the stories and meals that refresh us. Let us share our griefs, our fears and our anger. But let us share also our joys and our laughter. And if our paths should diverge again, let us each bring to our next encounter the experience of the road we have chosen to travel. Then, endeavouring to be faithful and true servants, may we delight in your blessing.

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts to the riches of your grace: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, these are the times that try our souls. We, your children, are bewildered by the human cruelty we see in the world. But we are also overwhelmed by the generosity of those who seek to mitigate the damage that is being done. We cry out to you in the trouble of our whole planet, for we have exhausted our imaginations in seeking a peaceful resolution of the conflicts. We ask you to confront the forces of chaos and to bring us out from our distress.

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts to the riches of your grace: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, as relations between those we live amongst become occasionally fractious, let us not hurl insults at each other. We know only too well that to be human is to be flawed. We know that we are born bruised, limping a little along the path of life. But we know also that redemption does not mean starting again from pristine perfection. Redemption enfolds us complete with the scars of life. Redemption enables us to enfold each other, through your love.

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts to the riches of your grace: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, where the ground is arid, cause new springs of living water to arise. Where no bird sings and no blade of grass can grow, breathe new creation into that world. Where the only sound is the cacophony of distant thunder, may the tumult fall silent and the sound of the turtledove be heard in that land. Where walls are broken down, build them anew. Where lives are in ruins, make them whole once more.

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts to the riches of your grace: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are now beyond the conflicts of this world. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, in your presence for ever and ever.

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts to the riches of your grace: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

1 God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

2 From utmost east to utmost west,  
wherever man has trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
rings out the voice of God:  
Listen to me you continents,  
you islands look to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

3 We shall march in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
we shall fight with sorrow and sin  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

4 All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed:  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Let's offer one another a sign of peace.

## CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the spirit wants to send us,

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Listen, Christ has promised to be with us... in the world as in our worship.

**ALL: Amen. We go to serve him.**

And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and all whom you love, this day and forevermore.

**ALL: Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord of life.

**ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen**

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