

## **Sunday Morning Prayer**

**Parishes of West Rainton, Chilton Moor, Lumley and East Rainton**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**All 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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word** [↑](#)

### **Readings**

#### Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne!<sup>3</sup> And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.<sup>4</sup> Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads.<sup>5</sup> Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God;<sup>6</sup> and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle.<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.”

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 8v22-25

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, <sup>23</sup> and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

<sup>24</sup> They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another,

“Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Well isn't this an appropriate reading after the last few days that we've had I hope everyone here has remained unscathed given the effects of Dudley and Eunice. I don't know if you ever saw the bands people used to wear with WWJD on them, what would Jesus do, a question people would ask themselves to consider whether they were acting in ways which were good and right. Sometimes I like to think of questions more like WWDTD what would Donald Trump Do, and then I do the opposite. Can you imagine a man like that with Jesus' power. If he did I don't think he would be calming a storm I think he would be making more and more storms to show just how powerful he is. But that isn't what Jesus does he doesn't bring more violence, more noise, or a greater show of power. Over the past few days and maybe longer we'll all know that experience of coming inside when the wind has been at it's worst, and we step inside the house or a shop and suddenly there is peace, you can't hear the wind whistling at your ears, aren't being buffeted and there is a great calm. You could walk in on a sunny day and it would be just as calm inside but you wouldn't feel it. And that's what Jesus does when he calms the storm. To his friends who had been worried for their lives, experienced sailors who thought this was it. To them Jesus brings peace.

And it's not the eerie peace of the eye of a storm when things around us are calm but we know there is more to come. This is lasting and proper peace. Jesus is using his power and authority to bring peace to them and it's so huge they wonder who he is, how he can do such things. No one else could say to the wind stop but Jesus does.

I don't know where you find your peace, where you feel the wind stop and everything become calm. I know for many it is in this place, in church where the noise stops and calm is found. For others with roles and jobs to do, it's not always quite like that. Wherever and however you find it Christ has that peace which Donald Trump definitely cannot provide. Whether you find that peace out on a walk in nature as you say a little prayer, or in church, or by taking time out deliberately to pray and be with Jesus. Whatever ways you can I hope you find that peace with Christ.

It's also been a tough two years with life feeling like a storm, with so much going on so many different things which can push us in so many different direction we can feel like we've been thrown about in the wind. In this time I'd encourage you to focus on yourself just for a moment, to acknowledge the storm there has been and to think what do I need to find peace, to put things back in balance. Sometimes it's too easy to look at quick fixes, a glass of wine, a bar of chocolate or two. But in this moment I'd encourage you to think about what you really need that will bring you peace. Whether that is a holiday, a time of rest, or more time with the people you've missed over these past years. And where possible I'd encourage you to do what you can to achieve that. Your peace is important there have been so many things we've missed these past two years I'd encourage you to do what you can to find that peace for yourself.

Amen

### **The Creed**

**All 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 of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.  
For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For Paul and Sarah our bishops,  
for the leaders of our sister Churches,  
and for all clergy and people,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For *Elizabeth our Queen*,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For this community,  
for every city, town and village,  
and for all the people who live within them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather,  
and for abundant harvests for all to share,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, air, or water,  
for the sick and the suffering,

[*for ...* ,]

for prisoners and captives,  
and for their safety, health and salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,  
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering [... *and*]

all who have gone before us in faith,  
and in communion with [... *and*] all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God;

**All to you, O Lord.**

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

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.  
*All Amen.*

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

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