

made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again : Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may, after an heavenly and spiritual manner, be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood : who, in the same night that he was betrayed, ^a took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, ^b he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; ^c this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he ^d took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this ^e is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life : Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life : Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.**

OLORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our service of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN - MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY, Manhood and Deity, In perfect harmony, The Man who is God. Lord of eternity, Dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility And washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, Yet learns obedience to death on a cross. Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice, And as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible in frailty appears. Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



HI EVERYONE!

Welcome to issue #28 and our shortened Holy Communion Service. Our mid-week Holy Communion Service is attracting a few extra attendees since the lockdown. Sadly those who used to have home communion are still missing out. How disappointing it is that we seem to have all this for at least a further six months. It looks like Christmas will not be the usual celebration we are used to at church. Please remember to bring a small piece of bread and a glass. We will provide the wine. Don't worry if you forget we have some for you to use.

HYMN - GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Chorus

GOD IS GOOD all the time
*He put a song of praise in this heart of mine
God is good all the time
Through the darkest night, His light will shine
God is good, God is good all the time*

If you're walking through the valley
And there are shadows all around
Do not fear, He will guide you
He will keep you safe and sound
He has promised to never leave you
Nor forsake you, and His word is true

Chorus

We were sinners and so unworthy
Still for us He chose to die
Filled us with His Holy Spirit
Now we can stand and testify
That His love is everlasting
And His mercies, they will never end

Chorus

Though I may not understand
All the plans you have for me
My life is in your hands
And through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see

Chorus + ending:

*God is good, God is good
God is good, He's so good
God is good, He's so good
All the time.*

LET US PRAY

Lord, as we gather for Holy Communion today, Your table is set with mercy and grace and once again we come before You with grateful hearts. May we know Your grace is with us today and may we find Your peace as we gather in this most holy of services. As we think on Your

sacrifice, Lord, we know that there is no greater thing than knowing You. Amen.

COLLECT FOR 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - PURIFY MY HEART

PURIFY MY HEART,

let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.
Refiner's fire . . .

READING - EXODUS 17:1-7

Water From the Rock

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD - THANKS BE TO GOD.

WORSHIP SHEET #28

Sunday 27th September 2020

HYMN - RIVER, WASH OVER ME

RIVER, WASH OVER ME,

Cleanse me and make me new.
Bathe me, refresh me and fill me anew,
River wash over me.

Spirit, watch over me,
Lead me to Jesus' feet.
Cause me to worship and fill me anew,
Spirit, watch over me.

Jesus, rule over me,
Reign over all my heart.
Teach me to praise You and fill me anew,
Jesus, rule over me.

SERMON - THE REV D MARK SPIERS

Well we continue our journey through Exodus, looking at this passage where water comes from the rock and what happened when the Israelites were traveling through the desert.

Here they go again, grumbling and quarrelling with Moses, it shows a total lack of faith in the Lord God. God has a plan - read the old testament and you can see the plan for Jesus' coming. God has a plan, so we also need to trust in God, not grumble and try to do things in our own way. I was reminded the other week of the Chilean miner's story and what they did when left with no other choices. Can you believe it was just over 10 years ago. Thursday 5th August 2010 Thirty-three men, trapped 700 meters (2,300 ft) underground and 5 kilometres (3 mi) from the mine's entrance via spiralling underground ramps, were rescued after 69 days.

A great story of human hope and endurance, but when the men realised that they could not get out what did they do? they turned to the one person in the group that they knew was a true Christian and asked him to pray, he prayed and they prayed with him and they prayed every day, it took 17 days for them to be found by a small bore hole, 17 days of praying for God to do something with, let's face it, no hope but God. Lots of different agencies and corporations from around the world cooperated completing the rescue.

On 13 October 2010 that's 69 days, the men were winched to the surface one at a time, in a specially built capsule, as an estimated 1 billion people worldwide watched. With few exceptions all were in good medical condition with no long-term physical effects anticipated. And we think that's amazing, well check this out 22 of those men gave their life to Jesus and will now spend eternity with Him.

So, in our reading, it is worth noting that the people do not complain directly against the Lord, but only against Moses. But Moses interprets the complaint against himself as a complaint against God. He says, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?". Well we know why, they wanted someone to blame. They were thirsty. A human body can survive a surprisingly long time without food. But only a

short time without water. Moses is honest with them he tells them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? I did not make you come. It is the way they are dealing with the problem that is the problem. This lack of faith in God and His plan, that's the problem.

Moses responds to the complaint of the people with a complaint of his own, this one directed to God: "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me" (v. 4). On Moses' behalf, we can add a few more words, "What am I to do with these people that you gave me—and just remember, I was happy leading sheep rather than these people".

Moses and the people are in desperate situations of crisis. Moses turns to the Lord the people turn on Moses. Both face life-and-death situations; the people think they may die of thirst, while Moses thinks he may die at the hands of the people. So, Moses goes to God and we read in verse 7 that the people said, "Is the Lord among us or not?" The people doubt God. It's easy to let a situation of crisis break down a community or cause a community or "neighbours" to turn on one another.

So, the people demand water. And then there is God's response. God graciously and faithfully responds not to the people's typical lack of faith, but to their individual human needs. Because God is faithful, God responds out of grace and love. Moreover, God does so in a manner that provides not simply for the physical need, but in a way that restores the community!

This reading shows human nature, you can see that the story does not simply tell of an episode from Israel's past, but bears witness to the characteristic nature of life and our relationship with God. It is not just the people of Israel who were lacking in faith, who do not give God the worship he deserves. It is all of us. It is not just the people of Israel forgetting God's plan - we do also. So, can we complain to God, yes, we can in the right way, Psalm 142 says, I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you [O Lord] who watches over my way. So, we can complain as long as we recognise God's sovereignty. Above all, our reading bears witness to the faithfulness and grace of God.

Why do we come to church? Is it for a social gathering (I hope not otherwise we would be breaking the rule of 6) or is it to worship God? True worship is defined by the importance we place on who God is in our lives and where God is on our list of priorities. Is God first? Do you talk with God through prayer every day? Do you talk to him during the day? If you love someone you want to talk to them. True worship is a matter of the heart expressed through a lifestyle of closeness with God. We should worship God because he is God. End off. Our extravagant love and extreme submission to the Trinity should flow out of the reality that God loved us first.

We must focus our practice of worship on the worthiness of God and not on other stuff. Listen to what Psalm 51:15 says; 'Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.' We are not worthy, but God loves us, lets show that love back, Jesus went to the cross to save us, so, let's show our worship to God and only God, not to things or rules, and let us trust in God's plan and not our own. Amen.

HYMN - LORD MAY WE SEE

LORD, MAY WE SEE YOUR HANDS AND SIDE,
touch You and feel Your presence near;
Lord, could our eyes behold those clouds
and watch You rising disappear.
Help us to pray for Your return,
to watch until You come to reign;
and be Your witnesses through the world,
to speak and glorify Your name.

Lord, unto You we lift our eyes,
help us to live as You desire.
Bring down upon us power to win
through tongues of Holy Spirit, fire.
Lord, breathe upon us to receive
the grace and love Your Spirit gives;
and may we know You with us now
because in us Your Spirit lives.

SHORTENED HOLY COMMUNION

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 John 2:1

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so spiritually to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and so spiritually to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who