

**Sunday 27th November 2020**

*4pm, Zoom Service*



**Welcome to Church@TheGreen**, a new church for the new community of Arborfield Green established by the existing Churches of Arborfield and Barkham. At the heart of our church family life is a trust in the living God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and who still speaks to us through his Word, the Bible.

We are continuing our series in the Gospel of Matthew and Piers will be speaking on Chapter 18. We will also have a Zoom tea after the service for an opportunity to catch up and encourage one another.

**WELCOME – *Ed Clark***

## **Song**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## **Psalm 130**

*A song of ascents.*

**<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;**

**<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.**

**<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?**

**<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

**<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.**

**<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.**

**<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our  
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> ‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> ‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> ‘But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> ‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, “Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.”

<sup>30</sup> ‘But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> ‘Then the master called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> ‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

## Sermon – Piers Bickersteth

### 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**

## Prayers

## Song

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands,  
My name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No power can force me to depart,  
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
My perfect, sinless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is safe with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

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