

**Sunday 28th March 2021**  
4pm, Arborfield Green Community Centre



**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. If you are visiting us, please fill in a visitor form (for the purposes of track and trace) and do introduce yourself to Piers (Minister) or Phil (Ministry Trainee).

Today we start our short Easter Series with Joël preaching on the death of Jesus in John's gospel. In line with guidance, we still cannot offer children's groups and we cannot sing together. The musicians will provide music and we can hum along or use as a time of quiet reflection.

### Welcome – Piers Bickersteth

#### Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup> **The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;**

<sup>2</sup> for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

<sup>3</sup> **Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?**

<sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.

#### Confession

Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### Song

What love could remember no wrongs we  
have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their  
sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the  
poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord...*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was  
the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never  
afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord...*

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#### Reading – John 19:17-30

<sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, 'Do not write "The King of the Jews", but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.'

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, 'What I have written, I have written.'

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup> 'Let's not tear it,' they said to one another. 'Let's decide by lot who will get it.'

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

'They divided my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment.'  
So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Sermon – Joël Carle

### Song

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.

The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned.

Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

*Oh, that rugged cross my salvation,  
Where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah,  
Praise and honour unto Thee.*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son to purchase and redeem.

And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.

*Oh, that rugged cross my salvation,...*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.

Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.

Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.  
(repeat)

*Oh, that rugged cross my salvation,...*

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb.

Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave.

*Oh, that rugged cross my salvation,...*

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### 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

## General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks**

**for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be sincerely thankful,**

**and that we might show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives,**

**by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### SERMON NOTES