

## **A Service for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Officiant and Preacher:** The Revd Stephen Griffith

### **Organ music before the service**

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

- played by Keith Wright

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*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

- played by Max Elliott

### **Greeting and introduction**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**and also with you.**

### **The Prayers of Penitence**

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.

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy**

**forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**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.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.**

## **Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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. **Amen.**

**New Testament reading:** Romans 5.1-8 - read by Molly Snow

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For the gift of his holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Come down, O Love divine** (*Common Praise 175*)

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
True lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

*Words* Bianco da Siena (d 1434), tr R F Littledale (1833-1890)  
*Tune* DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**Gospel:** Matthew 9.35 – 10.23 - read by Janet Fox, Reader  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or

a staff; for labourers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. <sup>16</sup> See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Music during the lighting of candles & time of personal reflection** – sung by members of St Olave’s Choir

Oculi omnium      *Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord; and thou givest them meat in due season. (Psalm 144.15)*

**Intercessions** – led by the Revd Kingsley Boulton, Deacon

*To the bidding:* Lord, hear us, *please respond* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

O God of love, we offer our prayers for your world, that barriers may be broken down, that divisions may be healed, that justice, peace and love may reign in the hearts and actions of all. May those in positions of power and influence work for the good of all and for an end to discrimination and prejudice.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God of love, we offer our prayers for your Church, that our divisions too may be overcome and healed, that Christians everywhere may be united in our witness to your love for all. Help and guide us, we pray, in our mission to the world. Give strength and courage to all who labour for your kingdom, especially those who face opposition and persecution.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God of love, we offer our prayers for our city, for our city centre parishes, for our families, friends and neighbours, for all who provide essential services in these difficult times. We ask your blessing on our churchwardens and on all who exercise any ministry amongst us, on Liz Hassall as she looks forward to her new ministry here towards the end of the year, and Stephen Cottrell as he prepares to be confirmed as our Archbishop next month.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God of love, we offer our prayers for all who suffer, physically, mentally or emotionally, for all affected in any way by the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who are isolated or anxious, for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, for all who care for others. We remember in particular those for whom our prayers have been asked who are listed on our service sheet, and any others known to us: ...  
*For those who are ill:* David Simpson, Dominic, Naomi and Tom Anderson, Lynn Ngeywa, Frances Van der Borgh, Andrew Franklin, Pauline Hall, Muriel Hansen, Duncan Campbell, Andrea Heath, Benjamin Kilby, Sandi Richardson, June Llewellyn, Heloise Hartley.

May they all know the comfort and the joy of your love.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God of love, we offer our prayers for those who have died, for the souls of Albert Ainsworth and Barry Higgins and any others we know who have died recently, and of those whose year's mind falls this week listed on our service sheet: ...

*And also for:* Dorothy Cooper who died this week.  
*For those whose Year's Mind falls this week:* Constance Taylor, Gwendoline Hartley, Charles MacDonald, Mary Snowball, Douglas James McDougall, Leslie Richardson, Elizabeth King, Caroline Whiting, Nicolas Gil Gordon, Emily Ann Row.

May they all rest in your light and peace.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

All these our prayers we offer in fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Olaf and all your saints.  
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.  
**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**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

We give you thanks, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through your Son Jesus;  
**yours is the glory for ever and ever.**

As this broken bread was scattered upon the mountains and being gathered together became one,  
**so may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*If you have their own bread you are invited to break and share it as a gesture of fellowship and agape.*

## **Blessing**

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. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Organ Voluntary**

Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)* - played by Keith Wright

### *Note on the music:*

Music by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) frames today's service. A tutor at the Leipzig Conservatory, and a great admirer of the music of Grieg, Karg-Elert specialised in writing organ miniatures based on Lutheran chorales, in addition to more expansive tone-poems and a good deal of harmonium music. Like many German composers of his period, he felt moved to revive the traditions of Bach and his contemporaries in providing hymn-based pieces for the church's year. He often treated the chorales quite freely, hinting at a fragment of melody here and there, and aiming more to capture the spirit of the text than to 'teach' the melody to the congregation.

The melody of *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* is well-known to us as 'Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness' (No 295 in *Common Praise*), and we have an opportunity here to compare Karg-Elert's approach with Bach's: Karg-Elert focusing on a rich harmonic palette, whilst Bach elaborates the melody with expressive ornamentation, set against a saraband rhythm. The hymn *Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele* does not appear in our modern hymn-books: it is a versified adaptation of Psalm 103, and Karg-Elert's music captures the exuberant mood of the Psalm-text, as well as the swinging compound-time of the original 1664 melody.

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