**The Churches of St Mary, Haxby**

**and St Nicholas, Wigginton**

The United Benefice of Haxby and Wigginton

*Stepping out … with God … with each other*

*… with our local community and wider world*

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**Worship for Sunday 9th August 2020**

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**(CW Proper 14)**

This service is produced for use:

* as a ‘Service of the Word’ in our churches and
* by those worshipping with us via the website and as an audio service.

The order of service, including hymns and readings is produced as a single document.

It may be downloaded for use in church or at home.

The Sermon or Reflection is available as a separate document – and may be downloaded for use during Sunday Worship at home.

Music

The music on the audio may also be used in church, or an alternative offered at the discretion of the Officiant and Organist.

**If worshipping at home**

You may like to light a candle, if safe to do so.

**If worshipping at church**

Instructions for standing and sitting may be followed. The Officiant will provide other directions throughout the service.

This service, and the sermon, have been prepared by Ian Evans.

*Music on audio*

*Audio: Our music today was recorded by*

*Andrew Tillett on the organ at St Mary’s Haxby, and sung by Jane Ashby, Tony Berry, Ian Evans, Fiona Evans, Lynne Fisher and Stewart Pearson, recorded remotely in their homes, and edited together by Andrew Tillett.*

*The short introductory music ‘We love the place, O God …’ was recorded by The Revd Martin Doe.*

*Opening Music*

*‘Sheep may safely graze’ (from Cantata no. 208),*

*J S Bach, arr. Stainton de B. Taylor*

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**A Service of the Word for the re-opening of our churches for public worship**

*Introductory music*

*‘We love the place O God, wherein thy honour dwells; the joy of thine abode all earthly joy excels.’*

**PREPARATION**

**Words of welcome**

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name” *(Psalm 100 v.3)*

Welcome to our service as, this week,

we re-open our church buildings.

Yet, in gathering together, we acknowledge those who are unable to be with us; whether because we have to limit capacity; because they are not yet ready to come back due to illness or risk factors that mean it is not advisable for them to come, or may have people at risk in their households who they need to protect. They do however have the opportunity to pray and worship with us on-line.

*Please stand [if you are able to do so]*

**Acclamation at the re-opening of a building for public worship**

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
**fill this house and illuminate our hearts;**

How awesome is this place?
**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

 *(Genesis 28 v.17)*

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were going up and down it.
**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this. You will see heaven wide open, and God’s angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.
**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.
**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

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**Hymn (1)**

**‘Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you’**

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name, you are mine*

When you walk through the waters, I’ll be with you, you will never sink beneath the waves.

*Do not be afraid …*

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

*Do not be afraid …*

When the fear of loneliness is looming
then remember I am at your side.

*Do not be afraid …*

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

*Do not be afraid …*

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid …*

*(Gerard Markland, b. 1953, based on Isaiah 43 verses 1-4)*

*Sit or kneel*

**Gathering Prayer**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

**God our Father, we thank you for calling us together as members of your family. Help us through your Holy Spirit to [virtually] sing your praises, to ask for what we need and to learn more about you. Help us to share your love which you showed the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to Him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

*A moment of silent reflection, before we say together*

**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 to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Blessed is the Lord,
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

I will praise the Lord at all times
**His praise will always be on my lips**

**Hymn (2)**

**O God of Bethel, by whose hand**

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

thy people still are fed
who through this earthly pilgrimage

has all our forebears led.

Our vows, our prayers, we now present

before the throne of grace,
God of our forebears, be the God

of their succeeding race.

Through each mysterious path of life

be thou our constant guide;
give us each day our daily bread,

and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy cov’ring wings around,

till all our journeys cease,
and at our Father’s loved abode

our souls arrive in peace.

*(Philip Doddridge, 1702 – 1751 & John Logan, 1748 - 1788. Tune Martyrdom)*

**The Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

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And he dreamed that there was a ladderset up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside himand said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessedin you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

*(Genesis 28: 10 – 22)*

*At the end of the reading, the reader may say either*

This is the word of the Lord

*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 100**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The Gospel**

*The Reader may introduce the Gospel reading thus:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.  And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.  And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.  But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”  He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*(Matthew 14: 22 – 33)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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**Hymn (3)**

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

forgive our foolish ways
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,

in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev’rence praise,

in deeper rev’rence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard

beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,

let us, like them, without a word

rise up and follow thee,

rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!

O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee

the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love;

interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,

till all our strivings cease,
take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess,
the beauty of thy peace,

the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire

thy coolness and thy balm,
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,

speak through the earthquake, wind and fire –

O still small voice of calm!

O still small voice of calm!

*(John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807 - 1892; tune Repton)*

**Sermon** (by Ian Evans)

*The sermon may be found as a separate sheet in the ‘Worship at Home’ folder*

**Affirmation of the Christian Way**

*Please stand [if you are able to do so]*

*This Affirmation may be used at the first occasion of public worship in a church building, as a reminder of our discipleship.*

As we follow the Way of Christ, we affirm the presence of God among us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God calls us to share in worship.

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*Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in prayer.

*Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the Scriptures.

*Jesus met his disciples on the road and opened the Scriptures to them.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in fellowship.

*Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share in service.

*Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

God calls us to share the good news.

*Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.*

**Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.**

*Sit or kneel*

**Intercessions**

*(prepared, and led on audio, by Jean Swanson)*

As we come to pray to you Lord Jesus some of us are able to meet together and some continue to worship you at home. We thank you that we are all members of your family and that you show love to us all equally. We pray for those who do not have the freedom to meet for worship especially Christians in North Korea, much of the Middle East and Asia. May they also know your loving presence.

We pray too for our Archbishops, Justin and Stephen as they work together and for Kathryn, Nigel and others leading the Benefice here, asking for skill and vision at this time of change

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we thank you for your world, in all its beauty. For the flowers and trees that we have enjoyed so much this year, but we are sad that we do not care for it as we should.

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As we become used to living with Covid 19 may we also care more for all you have given us. We pray for those who suffer from an erratic climate, affecting their harvests. Show them your mercy and give them wisdom in planting the best crops.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus you care for all those in need. In our community we pray for Christine and her family following the major house fire last week. Comfort and strengthen them we pray.

As we prepare to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of peace in the Far East we pray for the Peace Garden that will be at St Mary’s and the outdoor service on Sunday afternoon, that these will be a blessing to the community and to those who remember that time.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Loving Father as we think about human suffering we pray for Lebanon following the explosion. Bring comfort to those grieving and in pain.

We pray especially for partners of Embrace the Middle East. Help them to be able to continue their work very soon. We remember countries particularly affected by Covid 19. India, Brazil, the USA and many more. We pray for strength for medical and care staff, for wisdom, energy and resources. We pray for our own Government in the complex decisions they must make in balancing so many different needs. We pray for the preparations for schools to return in September that the right measures can be put in place to protect staff and families alike.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Healing Lord Jesus, we bring to you all those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. *We remember those named on our prayer lists…*

We grieve with those who mourn the death of loved ones and pray especially for the Wainwright family preparing for Brian’s funeral on Friday. We thank you for the lives of all named locally *(see Intercessions list)* and ask that you will bring your special comfort and peace to their families.

We pray for each other in the week ahead, that we will know you with us in all that we do.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

*Please stand [if you are able to do so]*

**The Peace**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**[6th August]**

*This prayer and the final hymn have been chosen to mark the feast of the Transfiguration of Christ which occurred during the week.*

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn (4)**

**Sing it in the valleys**

*Sing it in the valleys, shout it from the mountain tops
Jesus came to save us, and his saving never stops,
He is King of Kings and new life he brings
Sing it in the valleys, shout it from the mountain tops, Oh, shout it from the mountain tops.*

Jesus, you are by my side, you take all my fears
If I only come to you, you will heal the pain of years.

*Sing it in the valleys …*

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You have not deserted me though I go astray,
Jesus, take me in your arms, help me walk with you today.

*Sing it in the valleys …*

Jesus, you are living now, Jesus I believe,
Jesus take me, heart and soul, yours alone I want to be.

*Sing it in the valleys …*

*(Mike Anderson, b. 1956)*

**Closing prayers**

O Christ, the door of the sheepfold, may we enter your gates with praise and go from your courts to serve you in the poor, the lost and the wandering, this day and all our days. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Concluding Music*

*Rondo (from Concerto no. 1), James Hook*

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