

*The Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,  
Higham Ferrers with St John the Baptist,  
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott*



# MEETING POINT

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

‘Challenging Questions’

Online Worship



***Welcome to our Online Worship –  
Meeting Point***

*As Sunday Services now take place in our churches,  
our Online Worship continues in ‘Meeting Point’ –  
we are joined together as one worshipping family through our  
services at home and in church through the seasons of the  
Church Year and the themes of the Gospel.*

*Sunday Meeting Point helps us deepen our faith as we explore  
readings from scripture and experiences from our day to day lives.*

*Meeting Point today explores the encounter between the rich young  
man and Jesus and the challenge we all face in letting go of worldly  
things to follow on the path of service.*

Thanks to all who have made today’s service possible  
including members of the Ministry Team and their families,  
and especially to Cynthia Matthias, Derek Harber, Sue Clarke  
and Dudley Hughes who all share in leading our service today.

# The Welcome

*Michelle introduces today's service.*

## **Hymn**



**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!**

*words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
music: German 17<sup>th</sup> century melody*

**Greeting** *Michelle & Chris*

Welcome in the name of Christ  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

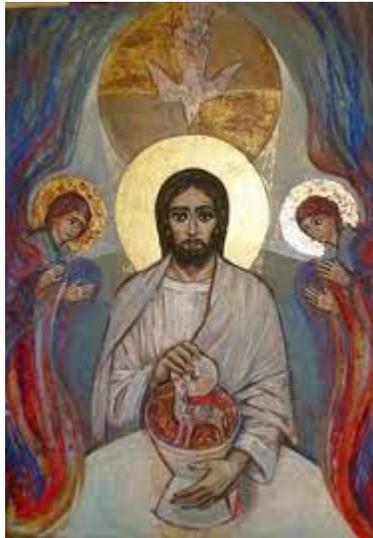


## ***Opening Acclamation***

God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**



## ***Collect for The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity***

O God, without you we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may direct and rule our hearts in all things;  
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**

## ***Introduction to the Gospel – Michelle***

### ***St Mark's Gospel, Chapter 10 – read by Cynthia Matthias***



As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

***Paul & Dudley talk about the passage***

## ***Hymn***

**All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
spent and worthless now, compared to this.**

***Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.***

**Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.**

**Oh, to know the power of your risen life,  
and to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.**

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*



## ***St Mark's Gospel, Chapter 10 cont...***



Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

***Paul & Dudley talk about the passage***

## **Hymn**

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that 'it is finished.'**

**I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

*Words & music: Stewart Townend (b.1963)*

## **Prayers** – led by Derek Harber & Sue Clarke

*We pray for our world, our church and those in need, those who mourn, and those who have died. We pray too for ourselves, that we may follow the way of Jesus and so gain eternal life.*

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

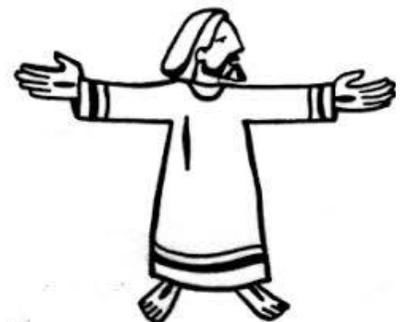
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Peace** – Michelle and Chris

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another  
a sign of peace.



## *Hymn*

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed:**

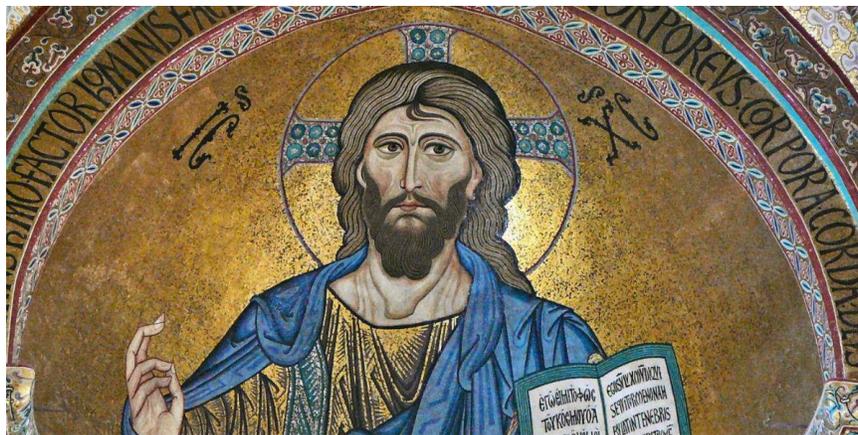


**Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.**

*Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)*

*Music: CAMBERWELL John Michael Brierley (b.1932)*



## ***Final Prayer – Paul***

Holy and blessed God,  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated  
to the service of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## ***Blessing – Michelle***

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you this day, and remain with you always.  
**Amen**



*Don't forget to check out the weekly Newsheet via the website and keep up to date with all that's happening – we are meeting as a Benefice for a Vision Day in The Bede House on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 12.30pm.*

*Bring a packed lunch and spend a couple of hours together as we explore our joint mission and how God is calling us to grow in faith and service to our local communities.*

*Find more information on the website by visiting [www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk](http://www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk) and go the 'Keeping in Touch' tab then select 'Newsletters' from the drop-down menu.*



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