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Chelveston-cum-Caldecott*



MEETING POINT

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
18th July 2021

Online Worship



Welcome to

our Online

Worship –

Meeting Point

As Sunday Services take place in our churches, our Online Worship continues in their summer format – each week we are joined together in our worship 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 both readings from scripture and also experiences from our day to day lives. Today our theme is ‘The Price of Fame’ – and reflects how, in a world without social media and advertising Jesus and his disciples could find stress in their lives.

Thanks to all who have made today’s service possible including members of the Ministry Team and their families, and to the Reverend Richard Coles, Vicar of Finedon who shares his thoughts on our theme

The Welcome

Michelle & Paul introduce today's service.

Hymn *Let all the world in every corner sing*

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly,
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

George Herbert / Basil Harwood PD

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!

*A PRAYER BY CARDINAL NEWMAN REFLECTING ON BUSY
TIMES AND HECTIC LIVES.*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last. **Amen.**

Reading – by Lynda

Mark 6 : 30 – 34, 53 - end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.



Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed

about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



Hymn **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.

words: Horatius Bonar (1846) music: adapted by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Personal reflections from Reverend Richard Coles

ANTHEM – St Martin’s Singers

1 God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer;
in the living, in the dying, you promise to be there.
For the weak we ask your courage, and your patience for the
strong;
stay with those whose pain is sharpest and those enduring long:
O God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer;
in our living, in our dying, you promise to be there.

2 And provide for all the weary your precious gift of sleep;
with the glad let us be joyful, and weep with those who weep.
God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer;
in our living, in our dying, you promise to be there.

3 Come to meet your praying people, be with us as we kneel;
come to help us, God our Saviour, for you alone can heal.
O God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer;
in our living, in our dying, you promise to be there.

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What would Jesus do today? Richard Coles

Prayers – led by Paul

We pray for the many people under pressure in today's world that they may find the Peace of Christ in their lives.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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.**

***Hymn* Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of
the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of
the Lord,
The holy One, is here.



Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

The Peace – Michelle & Chris

Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.



The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Final Prayer –

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name 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



Hymn Guide me O thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,



I will ever give to thee.

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