

Sunday 13 September 2020

Chariots in Flood,Pillars of Fire



9.50am Zoom starts admitting people

10.00am If you have already arrived click here to join with opening hymn

Song: <u>Theme from Chariots of Fire – Van Gelis</u>

Welcome and introduction

The Lord is Here

His Spirit is with us

- As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.
- A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.
- If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.

Opening prayer

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Confession

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,

All he will deliver us from our distress.

God will bring us out of darkness

All and out of the shadow of death.

Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions of the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

All Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his goodness,

All and the wonders he does for his children.

Let us offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving

All and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

cf Psalm 107

All Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept.



Almighty anGod,

Whose only Son has opened for us
A new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
To worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:19-end

Read by

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.



Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after



them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

The Pursuers Drowned

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

silence

Song: On the rock where Moses stood

silence

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew All* Glory to you, O Lord.



Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.



The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellowslave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All* Praise to you, O Christ.



Talk by Rosy Fairhurst

Song: Way maker

Declaration of Faith

Christ has died

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Christ will come again

I believe, Alleluia!

I believe, Alleluia!

Prayers

Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

Heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace.

The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!

Song: Guide me O thou great redeemer



The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



Accept our praises, heavenly Father,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,

we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;

we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup

we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection



you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The invitation

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,

Who gathered us here around the table of your Son

To share this meal with the whole household of God:

In that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,

Gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

And of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.





The Dismissal

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

Song: O God our help in ages past