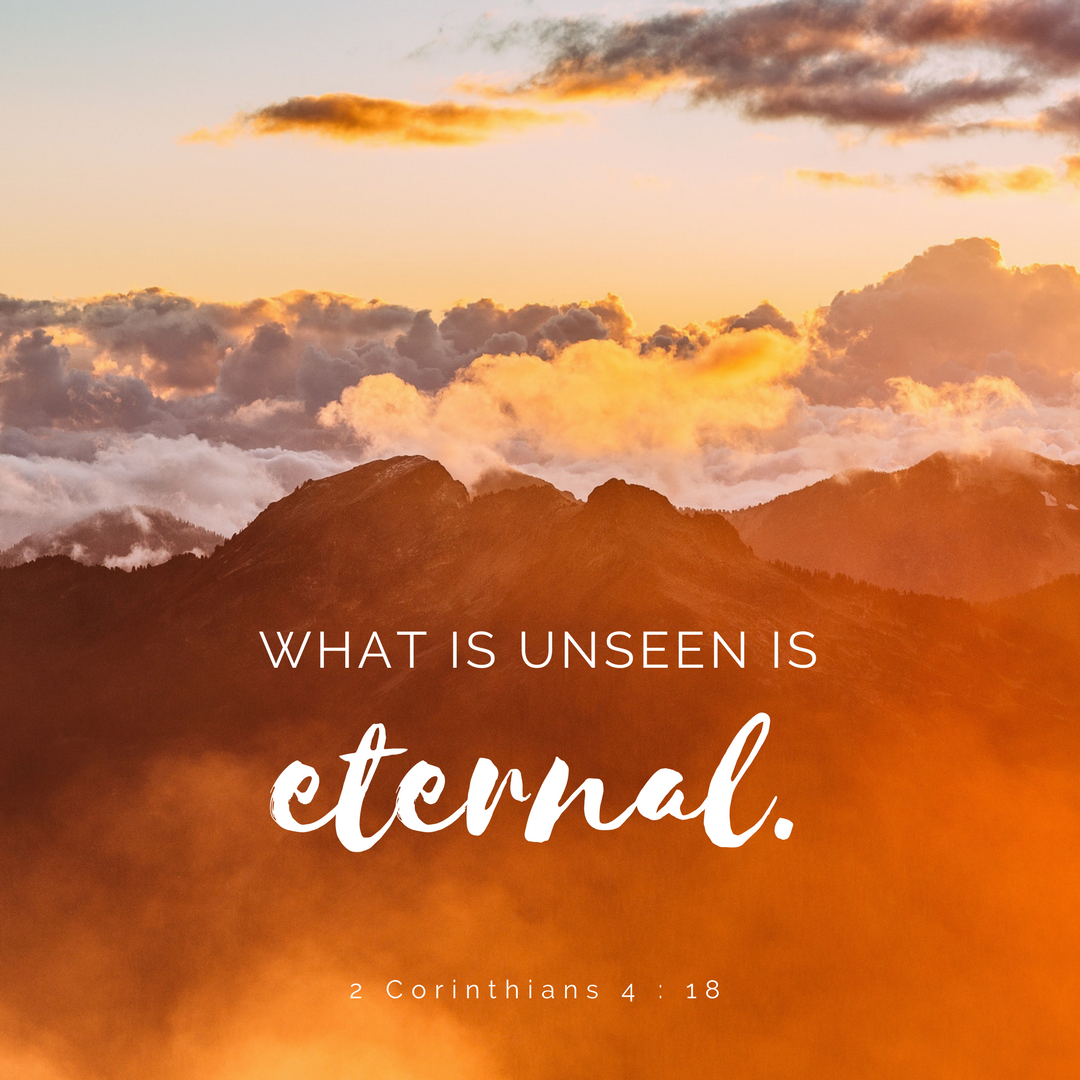
***St John’s Bellingdon***

***Morning Worship***



**1st Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 6th June 2021**

**10.00am**

***Welcome, Introduction, and Prayer of Preparation***

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

***Hymn 1.* Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
 Christ, the true, the only light,  
 sun of righteousness, arise,  
 triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 day-spring from on high, be near;  
 day-star, in my heart appear.  
  
2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
 unaccompanied by thee:  
 joyless is the day's return,6  
 till thy mercy's beams I see,  
 till they inward light impart,  
 glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
  
3 Visit then this soul of mine;  
 pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 fill me, radiancy divine;  
 scatter all my unbelief;  
 more and more thyself display,  
 shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

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***Confession***

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you**

**and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you**

**in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

***Absolution***

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Psalm 130***

**1Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
2    Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
    to my cry for mercy.**

**3If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
    Lord, who could stand?  
4But with you there is forgiveness,  
    so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

**5I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
    and in his word I put my hope.  
6I wait for the Lord  
    more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
    more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**7Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
    for with the Lord is unfailing love  
    and with him is full redemption.  
8He himself will redeem Israel  
    from all their sins.**

***Readings read by Chris Emery***

***2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1***

13It is written: ‘I believed; therefore I have spoken.’[ Since we have that same spirit offaith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

***Mark 3:20-end***

**20**Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. **21**When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, ‘He is out of his mind.’

**22**And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.’

**23**So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: ‘How can Satan drive out Satan? **24**If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25**If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. **26**And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. **27**In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. **28**Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, **29**but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.’

**30**He said this because they were saying, ‘He has an impure spirit.’

**31**Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. **32**A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, ‘Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.’

**33**‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ he asked.

**34**Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! **35**Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.’

***Sermon***

***Hymn 2*** **Who would true valour see**

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 Who would true valour see,  
 let him come hither;  
 one here will constant be,  
 come wind, come weather;  
 there's no discouragement  
 shall make him once relent  
 his first avowed intent  
 to be a pilgrim.  
  
2 Whoso beset him round  
 with dismal stories,  
 do but themselves confound;  
 his strength the more is,  
 No lion can him fright;  
 he'll with a giant fight,  
 but he will have the right  
 to be a pilgrim.  
  
3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
 can daunt his spirit;  
 he knows he at the end  
 shall life inherit.  
 Then, fancies, fly away;  
 he'll fear not what men say;  
 he'll labour night and day  
 to be a pilgrim.

*John Bunyan (1628-1688)  
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***The Lord’s Prayer***

**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.**

***Collect for First Sunday after Trinity***

**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**

***Morning Collect***

**Almighty and everlasting God,**

**we thank you that you have brought us safely**

**to the beginning of this day.**

**Keep us from falling into sin**

**or running into danger,**

**order us in all our doings**

**and guide us to do always**

**what is righteous in your sight;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Intercessions led by Linda**

***Hymn 3* Praise to the Holiest in the height**

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
 and in the depth be praise:  
 in all his words most wonderful,  
 most sure in all his ways.  
  
2 O loving wisdom of our God!  
 when all was sin and shame,  
 a second Adam to the fight   
 and to the rescue came.  
  
3 O generous love! that he, who smote  
 in man for man the foe,  
 the double agony in man  
 for man should undergo;  
  
4 And in the garden secretly,  
 and on the Cross on high,  
 should teach his brethren, and inspire  
 to suffer and to die.  
  
5 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
 and in the depth be praise:  
 in all his words most wonderful,  
 most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

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***Notices and announcements***

***Closing Prayer***