



# Morning Service

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

We warmly welcome everyone to St Mary's this morning, whether you are a visitor or a regular member. Please take part in as much of the service as you feel comfortable with. The leader this morning is Philip Hiorns and Clive Hawkins will be speaking on Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4a, 'The church at Antioch: Cosmopolitan with a global reach'.

## CONFESSION

O God,  
in Your goodness have mercy on us,  
wash us clean from our guilt and purify us from our sin.  
We know our faults well,  
and our sins hang heavy upon us.  
Against You only have we sinned and done evil in Your sight;  
so You are right to judge us,  
You are justified in condemning us:  
remove our sin, and we will be clean;  
wash us, and we will be whiter than snow;  
hide Your face from our sins, and wipe out all our guilt;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born  
of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to  
judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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.

**1. PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE  
ALMIGHTY**, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear, brothers and sisters,  
draw near,  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so  
mightily reigning;  
Keeping us safe at His side, and so  
gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen, all you have needed  
has been  
Met by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our  
work and defend us;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend us:  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love will befriend us.

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 with praise we adore Him.

After J Neander (1650-1680)  
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

**Psalms 95**

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our  
salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with  
thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to  
him.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our  
Maker;

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did at  
Meribah,  
as you did that day at Massah in the  
desert,

<sup>9</sup> where your fathers tested and tried me,  
though they had seen what I did.

<sup>10</sup> For forty years I was angry with that  
generation;  
I said, "They are a people whose  
hearts go astray,  
and they have not known my ways."

<sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger,  
"They shall never enter my rest."

**2. YOU'RE THE WORD** of God the Father  
From before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

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**3. O CHURCH ARISE** and put your armour  
on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain,  
For now the weak can say that they are  
strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies,  
An army bold whose battle-cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor,  
And with the sword that makes the  
wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He  
died,  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy  
meet  
As the Son of God is stricken.  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His  
feet  
For the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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# Notes

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Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-4a, 'The church at Antioch: Cosmopolitan with a global reach'.

## Introduction

Q How did Christianity arrive in Britain?

A The same way it arrived in Antioch!

## Main

1. An evangelistic laity (11:19-21).
2. An encouraging pastor (11:22-24)
3. A sharp thinker and teacher (11:25-26)
4. A solid Christian community (11:27-30)
5. A diverse and discerning leadership (13:1-4a)

## Summary