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**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,**

Despite the weather finally feeling like July should have been, we are at that time of year when we give thanks for the harvest. Few of us work in farming any more but we all use our incomes to buy food. Please help us collect groceries for the services on September 24th. If you have perishable items for displays please leave them in St. Clement the week before or under the Rectory porch. All other items bring over the next three Sundays. We will be giving them to Grace Trust which has been doing an amazing job since it's foundation in 1999.

Do look at their website to see the scope of their activities . Our gifts of food will go to the work of the Food Bank which helps people with bags described by them as 'basic foodstuffs, soup, beans, pasta etc, possibly some cleaning and toiletry products, not a huge amount but hopefully enough to show that Jersey does care. '

Please add items to your shopping over the next couple of weeks and bring along bags to St. Clement and St. Nicholas on the 24th or before if you can to help people doing displays.

We hope you are enjoying the weather,

David

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CLEMENT MORNING WORSHIP IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

We stand to sing the OPENING HYMN A&M 327

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
And we who live in Christ's new day  
Must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
And with the Spirit's power endued.  
The light of life in us must glow,  
And fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light: all sin expose  
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before his cross for guidance kneel;  
His light will judge and judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
And Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
And your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
Give thanks for everything always.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
Praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*We sit or kneel to confess our sins*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy **and in our song we will praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessed be God for ever.

#### **A&M 717**

**Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one.**

**Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
To be consoled, but to console,  
Nor look to understanding hearts,  
But look for hearts to understand.**

**May we not look for love's return,  
But seek to love unselfishly  
For in our giving we receive,  
And in forgiving are forgiven.**

**Dying we live, and are reborn  
Through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace  
To wake at last in heaven's light.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*We keep silence We say the Old Testament Canticle*

**Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.**

**Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *We sit for the first reading*

**The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel Chapter 33, beginning to read at the seventh verse (Ezekiel 33 7-11 )**

<sup>7</sup>“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’

and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for<sup>[a]</sup> their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. <sup>10</sup> “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of<sup>[b]</sup> them. How then can we live?”’” <sup>11</sup> Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***We stand to sing the Gospel Canticle to the tune Thornbury (CA 689 Thy hand O God has guided)***

**O bless the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release; God shall fulfil the promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Saviour comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness the sun begins to rise — the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace: O bless our God and Saviour, with songs that never cease! 7.6.7.6.D**

**The Gospel Reading** *We remain standing* *When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord. (Matthew 18 15-20)**

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister<sup>[b]</sup> sins,<sup>[c]</sup> go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[e]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[f]</sup> loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

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

**Reflection: Martin** No organization can ever be free of policies and procedures. Without them, they would fall apart! Today, the focus in many churches is on safeguarding. While Ezekiel thought that God would punish people for their own wrongdoings (a radical new way of thinking for the people of Israel at that time), we the church should think differently as we have Jesus among us. Whatever you may think about the procedures set out in today’s gospel passage, they are not self-righteous and vindictive. On the contrary, they show care and concern for the marginal and those who have strayed. Grace and forgiveness hover around both the leaders and the transgressors. It sounds as if Jesus is condemning the unrepentant, but before we jump too hastily to such a conclusion, we should first think about how he himself treated pagans and tax collectors...

***We stand sing the Creed to the tune Ebenezer (O the deep love of Jesus CA 538)***

**We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

**Prayers of Intercession** *We sit or kneel* Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord you are with us. You are our strength and our song.

Lord, you are among us in disputes and agreements. Open our hearts to your reconciling grace ... spend a little time praying for relationships that need healing ... remember countries at war ...

Lord, you are among us as we go about our days. Help us to encourage and support each other. Spend a little time praying for teachers and pupils at the start of another year of learning together.

Lord, you are among us in sickness and health. Give wisdom and compassion to those who have special skills in helping to heal. Spend a little time praying for the staff at the hospital and in nursing and residential homes and for anyone you know who is in special need.

Lord, you are among us when tears flow and day turns to night. Be with all who wait and watch at the bedside of a loved one. Embrace into your loving care, the dying and comfort all who mourn. May our hope be in your saving love.

***And at the end Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

**The Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.** Almighty God, 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. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer** Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us 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.**

We sing the FINAL HYMN

## A&M 216

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God,  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Out God hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail' and, hearing  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that that hath no end.

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*We say the Grace together*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**