

A Morning Service of the Word

From Common Worship

Wednesday 22d July at 12 noon

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

**All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

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 forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Hymn – As the Deer Pants for the Water

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver  
Only you can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye

*Refrain:*

You are my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are king  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.

*Refrain:*

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world  
That he gave his only Son Jesus Christ

To save us from our sins,  
To be our advocate in heaven,  
And to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
And to live in love and peace with all.

**All    Father eternal, giver of light and grace  
We have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
In what we have thought  
In what we have said and done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
And marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed  
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 lead us out of darkness  
To walk as children of light. Amen**

May the Father of all mercies  
Cleanse us from our sins  
And restore us in his image  
To the praise and glory of his name  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### **A reading from Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 vv. 14-17**

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

This is the Word of the Lord

**All:    Thanks be to God**

### The Psalm – Psalm 42:1-8

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?  
My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me all day long,  
“Where is your God?”  
These things I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I used to go to the house of God  
under the protection of the Mighty One  
with shouts of joy and praise  
among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him,  
my Saviour and my God.

My soul is downcast within me;  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of the Jordan,  
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep  
in the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your waves and breakers  
have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love,  
at night his song is with me—  
a prayer to the God of my life.

### **A reading from the Gospel of John , Chapter 20, vv. 1-2, 11-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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**All: Thanks be to God**

Talk

Canticle

Jubilate – a song of Joy *Psalm 100*

**All: O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
And come before his presence with a song.  
Know that the Lord is God;  
It is he that has made us and we are his;  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
And his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him and bless his name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting  
And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.  
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**

The Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come 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**

### Hymn

Come as you are. That's how I want you.  
Come as you are. Feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, Loved and forgiven,  
Come as you are, Why stand alone?

No need to fear, Love sets no limits,  
No need to fear, Love never ends.  
Don't run away, Shamed and disheartened  
Rest in my love, Trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous,  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail, to live by my promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you,  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you,  
All will be well, come as you are.

### Prayers

*Intercessions – we shall offer some intercessions and then have a few moments of quiet prayer.*

Let us begin our prayers by saying the collect for today together:

**All: Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;**

**who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Intercessions*

To the bidding Loving God, we come as we are  
Please respond: **make us new**

Loving God, we come as we are  
**make us new**

Loving Father  
We bring you our thanks and our praise this day  
That we can come together, though apart  
To worship you.  
We come together in joy and in prayer  
For ourselves and our families  
our neighbours and our friends.  
We stand before you in love and loyalty  
As your treasured children.  
We ask for your blessings upon us all this day  
In Jesus' name  
**Amen**

Creator God  
In you all things are made new  
Help us as we pray for the "new normal"  
In our homes, our towns and in our wider communities.  
Lead us, we pray, that we might follow  
In faith and in hope.  
Help us to be positive people  
In the face of these changing times  
That our lives and our witness to your love  
may be beacons to others  
as we follow the example of Mary Magdalene.  
May we be patient and kind,  
Caring and loyal.  
May we know that we can come to you as we are  
Hearing you call us each by name  
And that you will transform us  
In your love.  
Loving God, we come as we are  
**make us new**

Trusted leader  
We pray for our church, St. Mary's, as we seek to find a safe way to open for  
public worship  
We pray for diligence and discernment as we  
Begin to plan our pattern of worship moving forwards.

May we be led by your will.  
We give our thanks for Gerry and Dave  
And everyone who has been involved in reflections, services, buddying  
Caring and sharing within our church family and beyond.  
Loving God, we come as we are  
**make us new**

God of life  
We believe and trust in your goodness  
Help us to recognise the goodness in others  
To welcome everyone as you do  
Into your house  
We pray today for all of our keyworkers  
For all teachers and teaching assistants. For nursery leaders  
For everyone working with children and young people  
We especially give our thanks for Marianne  
Our families matter keyworker  
As she seeks to continue to help families in need in Watton and surrounds.  
We ask you to give her strength and perseverance  
In the example of Mary Magdalene  
As she goes about her duties, serving your people.  
Loving God, we come as we are  
**make us new**

We pray for all those who are sick  
In body mind or spirit  
And for those who care for them.  
We pray for all those who have died and those mourn  
Them, thinking especially today of Jean.  
We remember that you hold each and every one of us  
In your loving, tender embrace and we ask that we may  
Find rest in your presence today  
Loving God, we come as we are  
**make us new**

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,  
Our saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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.  
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**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
And keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen**