Service for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy.**

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.**

We are continuing our series on God’s promises to us and this week we are considering our Lord’s promise to help and strengthen us. For as the apostle Paul encourages us, ‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me.’ So let us lift up our minds and hearts to focus on the greatness of our God.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,**

**To sing your praise with gratitude,**

**And to listen to your word with eagerness**

**Through Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

Opening hymn: My Jesus, my Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour

Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength,

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing*

*Power and majesty, praise to the King.*

*Mountains bow down and the sea will roar*

*At the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands*

*For ever I’ll love You, for ever I’ll stand*

*Nothing compares to the promise*

*I have in You.*

Confession:

The word of God is living and active.

It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Al is open and laid bare before the eyes of him

To whom we give account.

Let us 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 neighbour 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 us,

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness

And keep us in eternal life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 40:10-12, 28-31

The God who strengthens:

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-12

Address:

Hymn: King of kings

King of kings, majesty,

God of heaven, living in me

Gentle Saviour, closest friend

Strong deliverer, beginning and end

All within me falls at Your throne

*Your majesty, I can but bow*

*I lay my all before You now*

*In royal robes I don’t deserve*

*I live to serve Your majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you

Love eternal, faithful and true

Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,

Brought this sinner near to Your throne;

All within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow*

*I lay my all before You now*

*In royal robes I don’t deserve*

*I live to serve Your majesty*

Prayers:

Our prayers today are based on 'ACTS’ –

**Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.**

*Let us pray,*

# Adoration

*We praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons in one God,*

*Praise to God the Father, Creator of all things,*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Friend,*

*Praise to you, Holy Spirit, within us to strengthen and to guide us.*

*To you be praise and glory for ever.*

*Lord in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

# Confession

*Let us bring to mind times when we have failed God.*

*We thank you Lord Jesus, that you died on the cross for all our wrongdoings.*

*And so, loving and forgiving God,*

*we come to you in sorrow for the times we have failed you in thought, word and deed.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart or our neighbours as ourselves.*

*In your mercy forgive us and help us,*

*that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God.*

*Lord in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

# Thanksgiving

*Almighty and generous God,*

*we thank and praise you for your creation which we can enjoy.*

*We thank you for our food, and for the people from Cre8,*

*and other groups in Macclesfield providing food parcels and meals for those in need.*

*We thank you that you have created us to live in relationship*

*with other people, our family and friends, our church family,*

*and especially we thank you that we can have a relationship with you,*

*our heavenly Father through your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Lord in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

# Supplication

*Heavenly Father, we bring to you the needs of your world at this time of pandemic crisis.*

*We pray that this crisis will continue to bring people together*

*to be considerate and help where they are able.*

*We pray for areas of the world where there is conflict and war, especially South Sudan,*

*and also refugee camps where the outbreaks of Covid-19 bring increased hunger and desperation.*

*We pray for protection and provision for those affected, and for all relief agencies working in these areas.*

*Closer to home, we continue to pray for all NHS workers and carers.*

*We pray for healing and peace for those who are ill, remembering those known to us,*

*those undergoing treatment for cancer, those having to wait for operations,*

*those who are clinically vulnerable and all who are anxious for the future;*

*may they know your peace, healing and protection.*

*We pray for our schools and their staff as some children return.*

*But we also remember those who are still home schooling*

*with the added pressure and stress on family life.*

*May they have inner peace from You at this difficult time.*

*As lockdown restrictions are eased may people act responsibly,*

*remembering social distancing as the ‘new normal’.*

*We also pray for wisdom for our Government and advisers in all decisions they have to make.*

*Lord in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord 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.**

Closing Hymn: To God be the glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the earth hear His voice*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the people rejoice*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son*

*And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Chorus*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done

And great our rejoicing in Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our rapture when Jesus we see

*Chorus*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and for ever more. **Amen.**