



The Diocese in Europe

A Service to Mark our Pilgrimage through Lockdown

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18 30 CET via Zoom

(please be online by 1820)

*Welcome to this act of the worship of God to mark a time of transition and challenge for us all but also a moment of hope and restoration as we move out of emergency measures.
Different people from across the Diocese will lead sections of the service with Angela Mirani (from the Milan Chaplaincy) responding for all of us out loud. Please keep your screen on mute but join in with the service where you are.*

Gathering

Bishop 'I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope' (*Jeremiah 29.11*).

We meet in the presence of God
All **who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

As people gather for worship, a candle may be lit in witness to the presence of the risen Christ in our midst.

In the darkness of unknowing,
when your love seems absent,
draw near to us, O God,
in Christ forsaken,
in Christ risen,
our Redeemer and our Lord. **Amen.**

Lament

Lead by Ven Leslie Nathaniel, Archdeacon of The East and of Germany and Norther Europe

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord,
Let your ears be open to hear my voice.
All **My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?
All **My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.
All **My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.
All **My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Father, we commend to your faithful love
those who are crying from the depths;
help them to watch and pray
through their time of darkness,
in sure hope of the dawn of your
forgiveness and redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading – *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*

Read by Rev'd Rachel Ganney, PtO priest at North Tenerife Chaplaincy

Lamentations 3.21-26

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All **I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ
when fear and anxiety besiege us
and hope is veiled in grief,
hold us in your wounded hands
and make your face shine on us again,
for you are our Lord and God. **Amen.**

A short silence

Thanksgiving

Lead by Bp David Hamid, Suffragan Bishop of Europe

Verses from Psalm 46

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold; God will help us at the break of day.
All **The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;
God will help us at the break of day.**

God is our refuge and strength, ready to help whenever we are in trouble:
All **God will help at the break of day.**

We will not fear, even if the earth shakes, and the mountains topple into the sea:
All **God will help at the break of day.**

Come now and look at the works of the Lord, the awesome things he has done on earth:
All **God will help at the break of day.**

Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth:
All **God will help at the break of day.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All **The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold;
God will help us at the break of day.**

Reading – Thanksgiving for God's providence

Read by Annie Bolger, an ordinand in our diocese who is to be made a deacon in September

Romans 5.1-8

5Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
All **O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,
All **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.
All **O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
All **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.**

Prayer

How generous is your goodness, O God,
how great is your salvation,
how faithful is your love;
help us to trust you in trial
and praise you in deliverance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A short silence

The Call *by George Herbert*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

Restoration

Lead by Mr Andrew Caspari, Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Lord God,
sustain us in this vale of tears
with the vision of your grace and glory,
that, strengthened by the bread of life,
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading – *The renewal of all things*

Read by Rev'd Smitha Prasadam, Chaplain at St.Alban's, Copenhagen

Matthew 19.27-30

27 Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' 28 Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Responsory

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.
All **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.
All **Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
All **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Prayers

Almighty and eternal God,
to whom we must all give account:
guide with your Spirit our Chaplaincy and this Diocese of Europe,
that we may be faithful to the mind of Christ
and seek in all our purposes to enrich our common life;
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.**

Jesus, Lord of time,
All **hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,
All **travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,
All **heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, Lord of tomorrow,
All **draw us into your future. Amen.**

Homily

Rev'd Helen Marshall, Chaplain at St. Ursula's, Berne

Concluding Prayers

Led by Bp Robert Innes, Bishop in Europe

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and caring:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we who have entered your gates with praise
go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days. **Amen.**

All **In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

An Acclamation

All The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

All The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

All The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

Sending out

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.