

# Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020, Eighth Sunday after Trinity, 10 am

## Opening Hymn & Introduction to worship

**Confession** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, We have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault, we are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Lord have mercy (x2), Christ have mercy (x2), Lord have mercy (x2).**

## **Absolution.**

**Collect** Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **First Reading (Romans 9: 1-5)**

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

## **Singing of 'Alleluia' to introduce the Gospel.**

## **Gospel Reading: (Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52)**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you O Lord.**

13When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' 16Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'

17They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' 18And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily - Revd Ian Welch**

**Prayers - Revd Ian Welch**

**The Peace & Offertory Hymn**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*(To be followed as an Agape celebration with one's own un-consecrated bread and wine, if so wished).*

**Blessing & Closing Hymn**

**Notices.**

**Regular Groups Meeting in Church Halls:** *copies of Risk Assessment plans and Public Liability Insurance documentation needs to be forwarded to Revd Ian by groups seeking to use the Halls. Please inform Revd Ian and the Churchwardens if you need to enter our churches or halls, to enable public health guidance to be followed. In the light of current guidance issued by the Government, the opening of Halls is subject to review.*

**PCC Decisions:** The Council voted to continue with live-streaming of the Sunday Eucharist until Sunday 13 September, after which Sunday Eucharistic worship will resume in our two churches (celebrated alternately at St Andrew's and St Alban's), with simultaneous live-streaming for those who wish to continue virtual worship.

**Private Prayers:** *St Alban's, Thursdays, Noon-1pm; and St Andrew's, Fridays 10-11am*

**On-line Improvised Daily Taizé Prayer.** Zoom available via the parish website.

**Children's sharing.** *Any children who wish are welcome to share the creative work they've done this week.*

**Mottingham Foodbank.** *Provisions for the food bank may be donated any day of the week, 9.30 am – 1 pm, at St Edward's Church Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Foodbank, contact Revd Ian.*

**We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends** *in our prayers, and our thoughts are very much with their families at this time. In particular we remember Sylvia Mayden Fellows, Richard Charlton, Havelock Binns, Michelle Parker, Alan Farrer, June Littler, Barry Law, Myrtle Merchant, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.*

**A very Happy Birthday to all celebrating Birthdays at this time.**