

Order of Service – BBC Radio Cumbria Virtual Service – Sunday 22nd March
2020 – Mothering Sunday

Opening and Welcome – Richard Corrie

We meet this morning as a virtual community across our County in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

O Lord, open our lips. **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Hymn – Tell out My Soul – All Souls Orchestra & Choir

Prayers of Confession – Reverend David Newlove

We have not always lived in ways that reflect God's love for all. There are times when prejudice and ignorance have caused us to judge others as less important, less capable, less whole than ourselves. **Gracious God release us and grant us mercy.**

We have not always lived as people assured of our place in God's heart. There are times when despair has been our refuge and we have turned from God's promises.

Gracious God release us and grant us hope.

We have not always lived as disciples of Jesus. There are times when the paths to wealth and power have been more attractive than the longer roads of justice, peace and tolerance.

Gracious God release us and grant us courage.

We have not always lived as people of the Resurrection. There are times when we have only seen the world as a place of threat and brokenness, forgetting God's creative genius.

Gracious God release us and grant us wisdom.

In the quietness of our hearts we remember those thoughts, actions and words that have marred your image in us, hurt others and damaged the world.

God has heard the confession of our hearts and minds.

In Christ we are set free.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Kyrie – written 7 Performed by Richard Cootes

Collect – David Newlove

God our Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, lived in a family. As we meet, all be it virtually and in all four corners of our County, help us to learn more about what it is to love our families and friends as you love us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn - There is a Hope

First Reading – Fr Hugh Pollock

Colossians 3:12-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[b] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[c] ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Psalm 23 – sung by Hereford Cathedral Choir

Second Reading – Reverend Martyn Coe

John 19:17-27 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew^[a] is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth,^[b] the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription,

because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew,^[c] in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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Address – Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson (Bishop Of Penrith)

Music for reflection – Sanctus by Libera

Intersessions – Reverend Luci Lunn leads us in prayer with the response....

Lord in your mercy. **Hear Our Prayer.**

**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.**

Hymn - Brother let me be your servant – Kingsway Singers

Final prayers – Richard Corrie

**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.**

May God the Father bring us to the home
which his Son prepares for all who love him.

Amen.

May God the Son give us the will
to live for him each day in life eternal.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.

Amen.

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

Final Hymn – Love Divine – Keswick Praise