

MORTLAKE WITH EAST SHEEN TEAM MINISTRY
ALL SAINTS, EAST SHEEN
13TH SEPTEMBER 2020
THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to The Late Service, our shorter and less formal service each Sunday at 12 noon. Please allow children to move about freely; this is a relaxed setting in which all can feel at home.

GATHERING

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Penitence

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Talk

Fr Alex Barrow

Our Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS

We use the following response:

Lord receive our praise
and hear our prayer

and at the end

Lord of life,
**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's 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.**

GOING OUT

Notices

Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

If you would like to make a contribution to the parish there will be a plate at the door. If you are a UK taxpayer and place your offering in a white gift aid envelope with your name and address, the church is able to reclaim the tax you have paid. There is also a card reader for electronic giving. If you would like details of the parish's regular giving scheme please do ask. Thank you.