

Sunday 5th July 2020, 2pm, Facebook
“Psalms of Lament”

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rev Adam Pawley, Rector

We meet in the presence of God.

**Who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

**Eternal God, source of all blessing,
Help us to worship you
With all our heart and mind and strength;
For you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

A TIME TO BE STILL

Christ the light of the word has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins. *Silence*

**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 neighbours 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.**

Adam: May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

For the joys and for the sorrows

The best and worst of times
For this moment, for tomorrow
For all that lies behind
Fears that crowd around me
For the failure of my plans
For the dreams of all I hope to be
The truth of what I am

*For this I have Jesus
For this I have Jesus
For this I have Jesus, I have Jesus*

For the tears that flow in secret
In the broken times
For the moments of elation
Or the troubled mind
For all the disappointments
Or the sting of old regrets
All my prayers and longings
That seem unanswered yet

Chorus

For the weakness of my body
The burdens of each day
For the nights of doubt and worry
When sleep has fled away
Needing reassurance
And the will to start again
A steely-eyed endurance
The strength to fight and win

Chorus twice

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based on Psalms 23 & 107:1-43 and Matthew 28:20

A TIME TO LEARN

To be read by Angela Penney, St John the Baptist

Psalm 137 (The Message)

¹⁻³ Alongside Babylon's rivers
we sat on the banks; we cried and
cried,
remembering the good old days in
Zion.

Alongside the quaking aspens
we stacked our unplayed harps;
That's where our captors demanded
songs,
sarcastic and mocking:
"Sing us a happy Zion song!"

⁴⁻⁶ Oh, how could we ever sing GOD's
song
in this wasteland?
If I ever forget you, Jerusalem,
let my fingers wither and fall off like
leaves.
Let my tongue swell and turn black
if I fail to remember you,
If I fail, O dear Jerusalem,
to honor you as my greatest.

⁷⁻⁹ GOD, remember those Edomites,
and remember the ruin of
Jerusalem,
That day they yelled out,
"Wreck it, smash it to bits!"
And you, Babylonians—ravagers!
A reward to whoever gets back at
you
for all you've done to us;
Yes, a reward to the one who grabs
your babies
and smashes their heads on the
rocks!

Psalm 137 (NIV UK)

¹ *By the rivers of Babylon we sat and
wept
when we remembered Zion.*

² *There on the poplars
we hung our harps,*

³ *for there our captors asked us for
songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of
joy;*

*they said, 'Sing us one of the songs
of Zion!'*

⁴ *How can we sing the songs of
the LORD
while in a foreign land?*

⁵ *If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill.*

⁶ *May my tongue cling to the roof of
my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
my highest joy.*

⁷ *Remember, LORD, what the Edomites
did
on the day Jerusalem fell.*

*'Tear it down,' they cried,
'tear it down to its foundations!'*

⁸ *Daughter Babylon, doomed to
destruction,
happy is the one who repays you
according to what you have done to
us.*

⁹ *Happy is the one who seizes your
infants
and dashes them against the rocks.*

A Talk from Pam

You may like to have the handout to this talk with you too

Pam Attree is our Licensed Lay Minister

A TIME TO PRAY

Our prayers are led by Liz Poynton, Hope Parish Church

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Trusting in the compassion of God
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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 PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

THE BLESSING & THE GRACE

The God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:13

CLOSING HYMN

Here is love vast as the ocean

Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who is love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

In Thy truth thou dost direct me
By thy spirit through thy word
And thy grace my need is meeting
As I trust in thee my Lord
Of thy fullness thou are pouring
thy great love and power on me
Without measure full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to thee

***Thank you for joining us in our online worship.
We hope and pray you have a good week.***