

FINDING A STILL CENTRE

In the midst of our busy lives
A quiet place in the heart of our community
August 5th 2018

The Passion of God: Lives Centred in God

Music on arrival: Nunc Dimittis (Arvo Part)

Opening Prayer:

ALL: WE BELIEVE, O GOD OF ALL GODS,

THAT YOU ARE THE ETERNAL GOD OF LIFE,

WE BELIEVE, O GOD OF ALL GODS,

THAT YOU ARE THE ETERNAL GOD OF LOVE.

Men: We believe, O God and Maker of all creation, that you are the creator of the high heavens, that you are the creator of the deep seas, that you are the creator of the wonderful earth.

Women: We believe, O God of all the peoples that you created our souls and set their warp, that you created our bodies and gave them breath,

that you made us in your own image.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU OUR WORSHIP
WITH OUR WHOLE LIVES,
WE GIVE YOU OUR ASSENT
WITH OUR WHOLE POWER,
WE GIVE YOU OUR EXISTENCE
WITH OUR WHOLE KIND,
WE GIVE YOU OUR KNEELING
WITH OUR WHOLE DESIRE.

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Lectio Divina: Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Centering Prayer and time of silence

Music for meditation: from Six Studies in English Folksong (Vaughan Williams)

Closing Prayer

Christ has no body now, but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks
With compassion on this world.

Let nothing disturb you.

Let nothing frighten you.

All things pass away:

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

Those who have God
find they lack nothing;

God alone suffices.

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila



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Blessing:

Please listen to this beautifully sung blessing. Below are the words: A Clare Benediction (John Rutter)

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.

We pray together...

Holy One,
As we leave this place
bless us and those dear to us.
May we recognize you
in those whom we meet.
May we be neighbor to them
irrespective of difference.
May we love You with all our heart,
our mind and strength, that
Your kingdom may be present
and your love known. Amen



Fr. Jim Cheetham