

Subject: Daily Prayer 8th April 2020 with reflection by Canon Simon Stephens

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Good morning

Let us be still and quiet for a few moments before we begin.....

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

AMEN

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael,
Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

Matthew 5:1-10

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

And our message from Canon Simon Stephens

Friday 8 May 2020

Matthew 5.1-10

The Beatitudes

BLESSED are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. V.9
Good morning to you. People across Europe will be remembering today's 75th anniversary of the Allied Victory, marking the end of World War II here in Europe. For the dwindling number of survivors, it will be a day of memories, and I suspect, tears will be shed. The great parades which were planned to honour hundreds of veterans in every country, have been cancelled by the Pandemic ; and people have been encouraged during the Lockdown to light a candle and remember! There can be few in the Pollenca congregation whose memories stretch that far back in time!! For my part, I can remember being bundled, with my gas-mask, on to an over-crowded Red Cross evacuation train travelling overnight from Portsmouth down to deepest Somerset. And I have fleeting memories of being trapped under my bed during an air raid. Yes, we have our memories which have to be matured with forgiveness and hope, but these memories, whatever they are, must be dedicated to the cause of everlasting peace in a complex and divided world. And perhaps this morning, we should cherish the gift of memory, when so many around us , are prematurely loosing theirs. A very valuable exercise during this time of Lockdown is to begin a Memory Journal recalling our 'life and times' which we can bequeath to future generations.

Canon Simon Stephens

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

A Prayer for V.E. Day

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you
and all humankind, in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.**

Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ

AMEN