

Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th July 2020.

Theme: The Persecuted Church – Stephen the first Martyr

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Hymn All people that on earth do dwell

Children's Talk – Daphne

Prayer of approach and adoration

Gracious God,
We bless You that You are a loving God
and that in Your love we feel valued
and given a dignity, sometimes despite ourselves.
Thank You that Your love is active,
shown in what You do
and how You do it,
wanting the best and willing to give
until that comes to be.
We bless You that You are a caring God,
who cares for all that You have made
and all whom You have made.
Thank You for Your tender mercy,
for Your gracious patience,
that You do not weary of us,
but stick with us to the end.
Thank You for full forgiveness
that deals with our past,
removing the shadows and shame that can haunt
and allowing us a new start,
accepted and supported by your grace.
We bless You that You are a serving God,
who washes dirty feet, embraces the leper
and brings people in from the edges.
Thank You that you call on us to serve
and find our identity in giving to others
and fulfilment in their joy;
for in so doing we follow Jesus.
Today we worship You,
loving, caring, and serving God,
whose face we see in Jesus Christ;
who comes close to us now,

both in word and Spirit,
as we gather in worship and goes with us, too,
as we return to live for Him
in a needy world.

Amen

Prayer of confession

Forgive us, Lord,
when we do not take time for other people,
when we fail to tune in to where they are,
when we will not listen
to what they want to share with us.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we divide people into “us” and “them;”
when we marginalise people
or treat them as being of little worth.
Pardon our thoughtlessness,
hard-heartedness or prejudice.
At the foot of the Cross,
help us to find forgiveness for where we have gone wrong
and the power to live differently,
for Your name’s sake.

Amen

Absolution

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God - Milly Dumba

Acts: 6:8 -15; &:54-60

Sermon – Daphne

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers – Steve Dumba

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.

Hymn –Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us.

Final Blessing