

**Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2021:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For use at 10.30 am or other suitable time.*



**Hymn StF 318 H&P 75**

Christ, our King before creation, life, before all life began,  
Crowned in deep humiliation by your partners in God's plan,  
Make us humble in believing, and, believing, bold to pray:  
'Lord, forgive our self-deceiving, come and reign in us today!'

Ivor H.Jones (b.1934) CCL nos. 5365402

**Prayer**

Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth, that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our imagination purified by your beauty, our hearts opened by your love, our wills surrendered to your purpose; and may all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory, praise and honour to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

**Lectionary Psalm: Psalm 130**

**To think about**

Are you fearful of anything at the moment? The Psalmist was crying out to God and waiting on Him. Similar to the woman in the Gospel story, the psalmist was in great need. Imagine yourself reaching out – bringing your deepest fears and worries into God's presence. You could use this old chorus as a prayer: Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears Lord and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus. Jesus says (Mark 5v36) 'Do not fear; only believe.'



**Lectionary Gospel reading: Mark 5v21-43**

**Message from a Circuit friend**

Have you ever met a celebrity in real life? Our daughter Susie always seemed to come across them randomly in the street. My opportunity to get up close to royalty came when our eldest daughter received her gold Duke of Edinburgh award from Prince Philip; a wonderful occasion to

meet him. When fans get to meet celebrities, having waited hours, they long to touch them. I suppose to make sure they are human!

In Mark 5 v 21-43 we find crowds who had heard about Jesus' miracles who saw Him as a celebrity and so tried to get closer to Him. It is in this crowding around Him that Mark gives us one of his sandwich stories. He starts with one story then adds a filling of another and then goes back to finish the first.

Here we see a Synagogue ruler named Jairus coming to Jesus pleading with him to come and heal his sick child. "Please come and my daughter will live." The crowd pressed in around Jesus, waiting to hear what Jesus would say.

At that point (here comes the filling) a woman who had gathered her courage and knowing this was her last chance of a cure, came to Jesus the healer. It is clear to us today that she probably needed a hysterectomy having been bleeding for 12 years. "I will be well if I can just touch His robe!" She didn't worry about being unclean, she needed Jesus! He healed and restored her. She spoke faith and Jesus heard.

Even though Jesus had been interrupted by the woman he hadn't forgotten Jairus's daughter. Even when He was told she had died, Jesus went and touched her, raising her from death.

Speaking in faith, believing, was the key in both cases.

Are we speaking faith words into our or others circumstances? Do we need to touch his garment?

**Angela Constantine (Local preacher and friend of The Pilgrim Church)**

### **Hymn StF 650 / H&P 390**

Heal us, Immanuel! Hear our prayer; we wait to feel your touch;  
Deep wounded souls to you repair, and, Saviour, we are such.

She, too, who touched you in the press, and healing virtue stole,  
Was answered: 'Daughter, go in peace, your faith has made you whole.'

Concealed amid the gathering throng, she would have shunned your view;  
And if her faith was firm and strong, had strong misgivings too.

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch you, if we may;  
O send us not despairing home, send none unhealed away!

William Cowper (1731-1800)



### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray for all those who need healing at the moment, whether of body, mind or spirit.  
For those who are in deep distress, pray for God's peaceful touch.

We pray for those at the Methodist Conference, asking for God's will to be made clear through the discussions and decisions. In particular we pray for those who are being ordained today as presbyters and deacons.

We pray for our world, for our country and government, for our communities and neighbourhoods, for our families and friends, for everyone who needs our prayers today.

### **Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord's Prayer...**

**Hymn StF 459 H&P 62** – always sung at Conference on this Sunday.

Captain of Israel's host, and Guide of all who seek the land above,  
Beneath your shadow we abide, the cloud of your protecting love;  
Our strength, your grace; our rule, your word; our end, the glory of the Lord.

By your unerring Spirit led, we shall not in the desert stray;  
We shall not full direction need, nor miss our providential way;  
As far from danger as from fear, while love, almighty love, is near.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us, and all those we love, this day and always, Amen.**

### **Circuit Information**

The Methodist Conference is meeting in representative session until 1<sup>st</sup> July. Use this link to find out more and watch the live sessions, which you can also find on YouTube on the Methodist Church channel.

[www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2021](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2021)

Also on 27<sup>th</sup>, the Zoom service is at 11.15am, led by Rev Jacqui. The evening service will be back on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, with the theme of 'Freedom', and if anyone wants to take part, either 'live' on zoom or by recording something to be played during the service, please contact Rev Anne.

Don't forget you can watch and worship with a recorded version of this worship sheet on the Watton Church website: <https://wattonmethodist.chessck.co.uk/This%20Week>