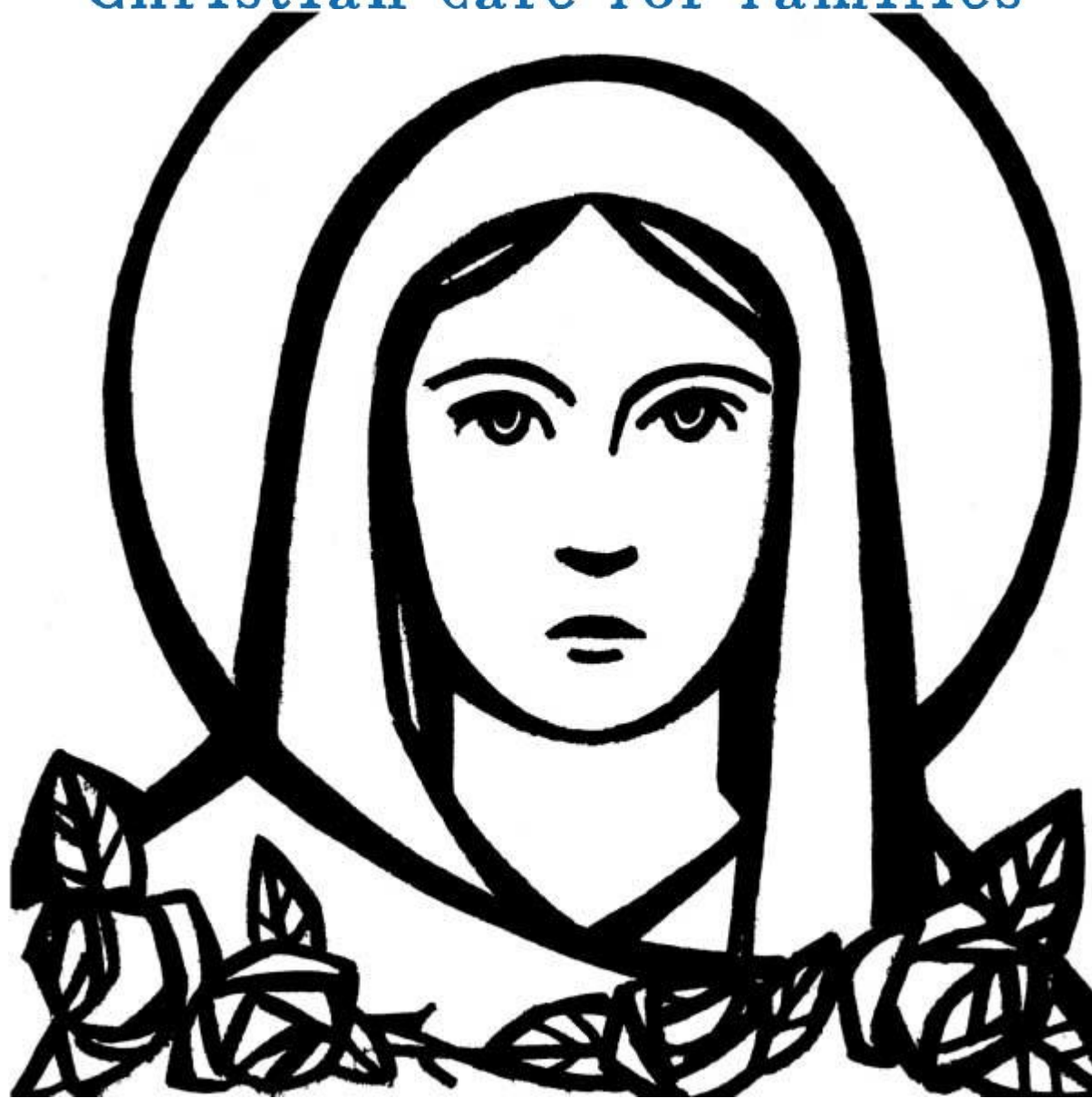


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Christian care for families



BUILDING HOPE & CONFIDENCE

7:00pm | Monday 18th May 2020

Liturgy streamed 'LIVE' at: www.facebook.com/parishofttbl

Hymn: Praise my soul the King of Heaven!

Welcome & Introduction...

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1. 3

Opening Prayer...

We have come together as a deanery family in our Father's presence, to offer to him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service:

Lord of all, we gather together with hope and confidence in your great mercy, to bring our worship with thankful hearts. Let us praise his name together.

Amen

Living God, we thank you that we can put our hands in yours, and walk where you will lead us, confident that, though all else may fail, you will not, though heaven and earth pass away, your words will endure forever:

So, we come in faith, with joyful hearts and in glad thanksgiving, to offer our worship, and to dedicate our lives once more to your service.

You have given us hope, and hope does not disappoint us:

Receive our praise, in the name of Christ.

Prayer of Confession...

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints on earth and in heaven:

Let us open our hearts and minds,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful Lord,
**forgive us when we shun the security
of your eternal promises
and build our hope and confidence
on the shifting sands of this world.**

**Lord of steadfast security,
help us to anchor our lives on you
that we may place our confidence
in your unfailing word
and build hope that endures
in those you call us to serve.**

+ May our loving Lord bless us
with forgiveness and grace
that we may be renewed
in hope and confidence
to gladly serve his world. **Amen**

+ O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Incense may be burned while the following is being said.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly:
hear my voice when I cry to you.
set a watch before my mouth, O lord:
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense:
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing:
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evil doers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God:
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense:
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray to the Lord.

A brief period of silence follows here.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen to God's Word...

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honour than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honour than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 'Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,' bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

[Hebrews 3. 1-6]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

[John 14. 6-7, 12-16]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A time for Reflection & Contemplation...

Soul of Christ | Dan Callow

The Prayers...

We bring our prayers for the witness and work of Mothers' Union; placing our hope and confidence in God's willingness to hear and in his power to answer:

God of sure and steadfast hope we draw near with confidence to ask for your blessing on the witness and work of Mothers' Union worldwide.

We bring you our thanks for lives which have been transformed as we have reached out with your love; for those who now face the future with hope and confidence.

We pray for the many who still despair that life can ever change and ask for your abundant resources to transform mind-sets and circumstances and create a hopeful future.

Today in our Chain of Prayer travelling across our Diocese we pray for our deanery and all the branches within it. We also pray for the Rhondda deanery, who were due to hold their deanery festival next.

God of sure and steadfast hope we look forward with confidence; trusting in your loving guidance as we continue to walk in step with you. **Amen**

Joining these and all our prayers together as one; we say together the Mothers' Union prayer that binds us together with love:

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as we seek to share your love

**through the encouragement, strengthening
and support of marriage and family life.**

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

and in love and service

reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

With the Assurance of God's love...

Whatever today may hold,
whatever tomorrow might bring,
the future is secure, for Christ is with us,
the same yesterday, today and forever.

Live each moment with him in quiet
confidence and joyful celebration,
for he is ours and we are his for all eternity:

And may the God of hope fill us
with joy and peace as we trust in him,
that we may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn: Tell out my soul!