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against me?

Up to seven times?”

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“Not only seven  
times, but seventy-  
seven times”

Matthew 18.21-22

# Connect

*St Leonard's & St Mary's*  
*Sunday 17th September 2023*

## Words of Welcome

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing his praise**

Rejoice O earth, sea and sky and every creature within you

**Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing your praise**

**Creator God,**

**in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory**

**for which you created us in your image:**

**heal our hardened hearts,**

**and renew our obedience to your will,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn      PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, Brothers and sisters, draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,

Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,

Then to thy need He like a mother doth speed,

Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when tempests their warfare are waging,

Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,

Biddeth them cease, Turneth their fury to peace,

Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,

Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,

Sheddeth His light, Chaseth the horrors of night,

Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Confession

God is love, and we are forever indebted to his love.  
He loved us first and calls us to put love into action.  
To love our neighbours and to do no harm.

So conscious of our own failing to love as we have been loved  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved  
as you would have us love.  
We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,  
forgive us and renew us through Christ Jesus our Lord**

## Absolution

God, who is both power and love, forgives us and frees us from our sins,  
heal and strengthens us by your Spirit and raise us with all creation to  
new life through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading from **Romans 14 v1-12**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over  
disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything,  
but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who  
eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not,  
and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who  
does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone  
else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will  
stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another  
considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in  
their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the  
Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to  
God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to  
God.

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,  
“Every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Collect

**Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Hymn      **GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name,**

I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,  
Freely, freely give;  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to.

## **The Gospel      We read from Matthew 18.21-35**

*Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew  
Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.'

'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back." 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.'

'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
Praise to Christ our Lord.*

## Sermon

### Intercessions for today

#### The Peace

We meet in Christ's name

**Let us share His peace.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you**

#### Hymn      **MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.**

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

#### Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

**All things come from you, and of your own we give you. Amen**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you,  
Our Source of Life,  
Creator of all things, visible and invisible,  
Whom the heavens and earth praise,  
from the dawn of time unto its end.

**By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.  
created the heavens and established the earth;  
you divided the sea from the dry land,  
and caused all life to come into being.  
You formed humanity in your own image,  
and entrusted us with the priesthood of Creation.**

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.  
Through dying on the cross, he overcame sin and death,  
that we, your creation might be restored in him.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
with all your creatures throughout space and time  
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father.  
In Jesus you showed us yourself  
our living hope, who opened the gates of glory  
and calls us now to share the love of his Good News.

On the night when he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends and disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat.  
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.



Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world  
Lord, unite us in this sign.

### Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.

Amen.

### Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come and receive communion  
or a blessing at this time*

## Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious  
and his mercy endures for ever

God of our salvation,  
restore in us the beauty of your creation  
and help us to turn and follow you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

May God give you grace  
to be faithful stewards of Creation,  
and the blessing of God,  
our Creator, Redeemer and giver of Life  
be with you now and evermore..

**Amen**

## Hymn      **YE SERVANTS OF GOD,**

Your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad  
His wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious  
Of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious  
And rules over all.

God ruleth on high,  
Almighty to save;  
And still He is nigh,  
His presence we have;  
The great congregation  
His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation  
To Jesus our King.

Salvation to God,  
Who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud,  
And honour the Son;  
The praises of Jesus  
The angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces,  
And worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,  
And give Him His right,  
All glory and power,  
All wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing,  
With angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing,  
And infinite love.

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

## Messy Church Dates @ St Mary's



Come and Join in the fun

Saturday 30th September 4-6pm

Saturday 28th October 4-6pm

Saturday 24th November 4-6pm



## Autumn Time Socials

### September Saturday 23rd - Walk & Talk

Its just a Walk in the Park followed by lunch which is now at the Cavaliere, If coming for Lunch please sign up TODAY as booking needs to be made this week.

### October Saturday 7th - Harvest Supper

Come ye thankful people come and join the harvest fun with a bring and share supper and entertainment in St Leonard's Church Hall. Please sign up to come and to help with catering. Our **Harvest Sunday is on the 8th October** . Donations towards our Harvest Flowers are welcome and on the Sunday Harvest gifts of tinned or dried food will be collected for the work of The Storehouse.

### November Friday 17th - St Andrew's Ceilidh

Get your dancing shoes on and strip a willow as we gather at the Roses Club in Bonnyrigg for a fun night of music, dancing, food, fun and fellowship.

### Wednesday 29th - Panto and meal at the Stair Arms.

Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!!! Wed 29th November, sign up today. You can come to both or just join with us for the Panto or the meal.....

### December Saturday 2nd - Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy a coffee and spend time enjoying the stalls in hope that you can buy one or two Christmas presents for family and friends.



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