**the Bourne Valley Benefice**

**evensong**

**Sunday 15th August 2021** the Blessed Virgin Mary

The congregation’s responses are show in **bold type**

*Sentence of Scripture & Opening* ***Hymn***

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!   
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word;   
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!   
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same;

His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by;

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

To children's children and forever more!

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us:   
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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**

O Lord, open thou our lips: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise**  
O God, make speed to save us: **O Lord, make haste to help us**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**  
Praise ye the Lord: **The Lord's Name be praised**

**Psalm 78: 1 – 7**

Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter profound sayings of old;**

Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us;

**We will not hide them from their children, telling the praises of the Lord to the generation to come; His strength and the wonderful works that He has done;**

For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;

**That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children;**

That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;   
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*The First Lesson*  **Song of Songs 2: 1 – 7**

### MAGNIFICAT **MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen** *The Second Lesson* **Acts 1: 6 – 14** **NUNC DIMITTIS LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body,   
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you: **And with thy spirit**Let us pray: Lord, have mercy upon us;  **Christ, have mercy upon us;**  Lord, have mercy upon us

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us: **And grant us thy salvation**  
O Lord, save the Queen: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee**  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness: **And make thy chosen people joyful**  
O Lord, save thy people: **And bless thine inheritance.**Give peace in our time, O Lord:  
 **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God**  
O God, make clean our hearts within us: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

*The Collect for the day (The Blessed Virgin Mary)*Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we, who are redeemed  
by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;   
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

The Sermon

Prayers of Intercession   
  
 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed art thou among women   
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus;   
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

*Final* ***Hymn***LORD, FOR THE YEARS Your love has kept and guided,   
 Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
 Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,

Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:

Lord of the word, receive Your people’s praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,

Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:

For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt You,

Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us

Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,

Past put behind us, for the future take us:

Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

**THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,   
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.** Amen