

WARWICK SCHOOL CHAPEL

**“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all
manner of thing shall be well.”**

**— Mother Julian of Norwich, Medieval mystic and
theologian**

ACCLAMATION

Chaplain: The night has passed and the day lies open before us, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Chaplain: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

RESPONSORY (from **Psalm 18**)

Chaplain: “The Lord, my God lights a lamp for me.”

All: “The Lord lightens my darkness and lifts my burdens. Great is the Lord!”

All: 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 18, verses 9-14:

To some people who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.
For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.'

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

REFLECTION - "Keeping It Real"

PRAYERS

Loving God, we ask you to help us lay aside formulas and facades, pride and pretence, allow us to meet you face to face as a friend. In this time of quiet, may we come before you in openness, grant us the courage to always say something real and true.

We pray for all of those hiding their true selves from you, God, whether it is out of fear, shame, grief or the desire to put their best foot forward. Would You help us to come out of hiding?

Wonderful God, we thank you that we don't have to be superheroes to please you in prayer. You love us just way we are, with all our faults and foibles. Help us to yield to Your endless acceptance and kindness today.

Amen.

HYMN - "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

[NB. This powerful hymn was written by Horatio Spafford in 1873, following a series of traumatic events in his life. Firstly, the death of his infant son; and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which led to huge financial losses for him. In 1873, Spafford had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the SS Ville du Havre. In a late change of plan, he sent his family ahead while he was delayed on business. While crossing the Atlantic, there was a collision with another sea vessel, and the ship sank. All four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife, Anna, survived and sent him a now famous telegram, of just two words: "Saved alone." Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.]

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
it is well, it is well with my soul!

BLESSING