

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 2020

A Service of the Word



Welcome

Call to worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

Hymn:

**King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.**

Prayers of Penitence

'I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race and complete the task that the Lord has assigned to me, of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.'

Let us confess our failure to live up to our calling.

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:

'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.'

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us to go and bear fruit that will last.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *you your* sins and make *you* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever... **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Jonah 3:1-5,10

Hymn:

**Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the pow'r of Your love**

*Hold me close - let Your love surround me
Bring me near - draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.*

**Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day
By the pow'r of Your love**

Homily

after which there will be a short pause for personal reflection

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we 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.

Hymn:

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed.
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more faithful,
We would take him at his word,
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Conclusion

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,
but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,
but the same God is at work in all.

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,
to whom Christ ascended on high.

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:
some are apostles, some are his prophets;

evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,
so that we can minister together

to build up his body,

to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

Heavenly Father, whose ascended Son
gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church:
strengthen us to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**