



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 30 August 2020

10.00 am

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The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

and also with you.

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

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but sin made blind, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King;
then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2: 9

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

For The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord, as you love us, help us to love one another.

Give to your church a burning zeal
and keep us ardent in our spirits.

May we ever rejoice in the hope that you have set before us;
through Christ our living Lord.

Amen.

Reading from the Bible

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.9-end

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

cf Matthew 4: 4

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. or what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Matthew 16.21-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

**who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Let us pray.

As we gather together to sing praises to God, we pray for the Church throughout the world, and for all who call upon the name of the Lord. We pray this week for the United Church of South India, and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of the Church of South India and Bishop of South Kerala.

The Church this week remembered the beheading of John the Baptist; we pray for all who are called by God to be a voice crying out in the wilderness; particularly those who, like John, preach the good news that those in authority do not want to hear.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings. We pray for the earth, and all that lives upon it. Help us, O Lord, to be better stewards of your creation; to care for it, nurture it, and not exploit it for our own ends. Forgive us for the times we abuse your world, its resources and its people, and instil in us instead a sense of childlike awe and wonder at the beauties we see around us.

We pray for all who work to protect others, especially children, and this week we pray for the work of the NSPCC. Give strength to those who see and deal with horrors in their charity work; and bless the children's lives through their efforts.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As your servant Paul advised us to live in harmony with one another, so we pray for those in our community, who we live and work with. We pray for Matthew and

his family, and for the residents of Carter Mount. Help all of us live peaceably with each other, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep.

As the return to school approaches, we pray for parents making difficult decisions about education and safety, and for young people having to adapt to a strange new set of rules and regulations on top of the usual transition to a new school year.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all continuing their recovery from COVID-19; those who are currently infected, and those who are still feeling the effects months later. We give thanks for the continuing efforts of medical staff in treating the sick; and also for specialists helping with long-term recovery, particularly for those who have been on ventilators.

We pray too for all who are otherwise sick in mind, body or spirit. From our own parish, we pray for:

George Brown
Ginny Camponi
Tom Heaphy
Mike Jackson
Jennifer Moad
Christine Oates
Margaret Tomlinson

O Lord, be their help and shield;
comfort them in their affliction and let
them feel your healing presence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As for mortals, our days are like grass; we
flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind
passes over it, and it is gone, and its place
knows it no more. But the steadfast love of
the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We remember all those who have already
tasted death, joined recently by:

Jean Cleminson
Kenneth Hawksworth
Agnes Howard
Joan Wade
Joan Wilson

And on the anniversary of their death:

Alice Tillett

Edward Guy Cox

John Iles

Gather us all as grapes; mature us into
the fine wine of your kingdom, and may
we all share in your great feast when the
Son of Man comes into his kingdom.

United with the Church across the
world, let us pray with confidence using
the words our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Hymn

We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font;
for there the holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above.

We love thine altar, Lord,
O what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.

We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heav'n to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

Closing Prayer and Responses

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Loving God, throughout this day and week,
enliven our minds,
inspire our conversations,
inform our decisions,
and protect those we love.
And should today bring
what we neither anticipate nor desire,
increase our faith and decrease our pride
until we know that,
when we face the unexpected,
we do not stand alone but in the power of the Holy Spirit
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come.

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn

**Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

The Blessing

The love of God enfold you,
the power of Christ protect you,
the leading of the Spirit guide you;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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