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Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11 October 2020

10.00 am

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The Greeting

In the name of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We are drawn together as God's family,
from Whitkirk, Colton and beyond
to offer praise and thanksgiving
to ask the forgiveness of our sins
to hear and receive God's holy word
to pray for the needs of the world
and to seek God's grace
that through the Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to God's service.

*Based on the Opening Prayer for Morning Prayer from
the Anglican Prayer Book of South Africa*

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is out-poured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

**O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.**

**Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

Prayers of Penitence

**In penitence for our sins let us turn to Christ,
that he may fill us with his new life.**

Lord Jesus, you came that we might learn from you
and find rest for our souls.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came that we might have abundant life.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came that you might set us free.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Collect

For The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

Reading from the Bible

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long
for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the
same mind in the Lord.

Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.1-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.**

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness,
find a home with you;
through him give thanks to God.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and
Pharisees in parables, saying:

‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He
sent his slaves to call those who had been invited

to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.”

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.”

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a

wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?”

And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of intercession

Written and led by Judith Waddington, and ending with...

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

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

And I will trust in you alone...

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

And I will trust in you alone...

Closing Prayer and Responses

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Lord, you have called us to know you,
you have called us to love you,
you have called us to serve you.
Make us worthy of our calling.
May we proclaim your power and your peace.
May we rejoice in your light and in your love;
through Jesus Christ the living Lord.

Amen.

We thank you, O God,
for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning of time
and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy.

Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God,
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who has redeemed the world
and saves us from our sins.

Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God,
for you have sent your Holy Spirit,
who comforts us and leads us into all truth.

Your mercy endures for ever.

Amen.

Dear friends, seek for peace:
peace in your heart, peace in your spirit,
peace in your mind, peace in your home.

From 'Traces of Glory' by David Adam.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n,
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

“The Lord’s my shepherd”

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