

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – 23 AUGUST 2020

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4: 24

Hymn of Praise: CH102 *“Name of all majesty”*

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COLt5pFH8Kk&t>

Name of all majesty,
fathomless mystery,
King of the ages
by angels adored;
power and authority,
splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery,
Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny,
God from eternity,
love of the Father
on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done
sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One,
Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary,
costliest victory,
darkness defeated
and Eden restored;
born as a man to die,
nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie,
Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty,
light, immortality,
life everlasting
and heaven assured;

so with the ransomed, we
praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty,
Jesus is Lord!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

INTRODUCTION

We come to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence is kept.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The Psalm: Psalm 138

Listen to and sing along with this psalm at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNqvpM2MFYM>

1 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth :
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly :
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me :
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me :

yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

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 Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/romans/12/>

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn before the Gospel: CH320 "Firmly I believe and truly" (vs. 1-3)

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcWvVLFN6g>

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that Manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

*John Henry Newman (1801-90)
from The Dream of Gerontius
based on The Apostles' Creed*

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/matthew/16/>

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev'd Abigail Sines has prepared a sermon podcast which you may listen to at:

<https://www.dublinandglendaloughsermons.com/sermons/a-lightbulb-moment-abigail-sines-z7cdm>

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God,
you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS

For the church, the world, and all in need,
let us pray to the Lord, saying:

For your Church in every place,
that we may worship and serve you faithfully.
Lord in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For leaders and people in every land,
That they may know your way and do your will.
Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

For justice throughout the world,
that there may be peace and plenty for all.

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

For the earth you have made,
that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory.

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

For all those who hunger and thirst
that they may be filled with good things.

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

For all those who are all or close to death,
That they may know your loving care.

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father,
Accept these our prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: CH 597 *“Take my life, and let it be”*

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sss-g50Dw1Q>

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my king;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine:
take my heart – it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store:
take myself, and I will be,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3: 20