

Service for the First Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

Preparation

Call to Worship

The harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest. Alleluia.

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim
(St Albans Cathedral - 2002)

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938)

Prayer:

Our hearts are blessed as we gather before you today, O Lord,
for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions
and joy in exchange for heavy hearts.
You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled
and the courage we need when we venture into our days.
Bless us today with your steadfast love
as we declare our trust in you. **Amen.**

Based on Psalm 32

Canticle: Jubilate

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people
and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

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.

Responses

It is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher.

and the servant like the master, says the Lord.

To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God.

But for those outside everything comes in parables.

I have come, says the Lord;

To call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: A Prayer of St Columba

(Bob Chilcott: The Oxford Choir)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Conclusion

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the 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 and proclaim the good news:
The kingdom of heaven has come near. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.