

Service for the First Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

6 June 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

We gather to give thanks to you, O Lord,
with all our heart!

We will sing your praises before all creation,
and rejoice in your steadfast love!

You have created us O Lord, and made us for yourself,
In you we become everything you have made us to be!

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the height *(Chet Valley Churches)*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful;
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote
in man for man the foe.
The double agony in man
for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

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and in the depth be praise.
In all his words most wonderful;
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Prayer:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:
Guard my life, O Lord, for I am devoted to you;

Guard my heart, O Father,
for I love you with all my choices;

Guard my mind, O Jesus,
for I fix my thoughts on following you;

Guard my body, O Spirit,
for I give it to be your temple;

Guard my relationships, O Trinity,
for I centre my conversations on you.

Hear my prayer, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:
I offer my eyes to you, O Lord, to behold your beauty;
I offer my lips to you, O Father, to speak your praises;
I offer my ears to you, O Jesus, to listen to your words;
I offer my steps to you, O Spirit, to follow your movements;
I offer my life to you, O Trinity, to honour you alone.

Hear my prayer, O Lord.

written by Bill & Kristi Gaultiere, inspired by Psalm 86:2

A Time to Consider:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept

Responses

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Mark 3:20-end

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: Sanctus

(from 'Nidaros Jazz Mass')

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:

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The gospel is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who has faith. Amen.

Romans 1:16

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.