

Service for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

27 June 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23

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: *There's a wideness in God's mercy*
(*St Martin's Voices*)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the head.

There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Gathering:

Holy God, Creator of Life,
**you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.**

When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds.

Fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

Rev. Nancy J.

Praise:

Holy God,
we extol and honour you for who you are.

We praise you for your faithfulness
and for your tender mercies
that are renewed every morning.

We exalt you, Sovereign One,
for every blessing of yesterday,
the gift of this day,
and the promises of our tomorrows.

Grant us an enduring faith
as we strive against oppression and despair.

Endow us with contagious joy
that uplifts the downtrodden
and inspires hope in you.

Increase in us
the faith and courage of the prophets,
the love of Jesus, and
the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

In your majestic name we pray, **Amen.**

from 'God of Awe and Glory'

Sing praises to our Lord:
who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:
whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;
give thanks to God's holy name:
God's Kingdom is near to us;
God's peace resides in our hearts. Amen.

Thom Shuman

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

2 Corinthians 8:7-end

Mark 5:21-end

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: Saint Richard's Prayer - Forbes L'Estrange
(*St Martin's Voices*)

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:

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 protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;

that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with his joy and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and for evermore. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.