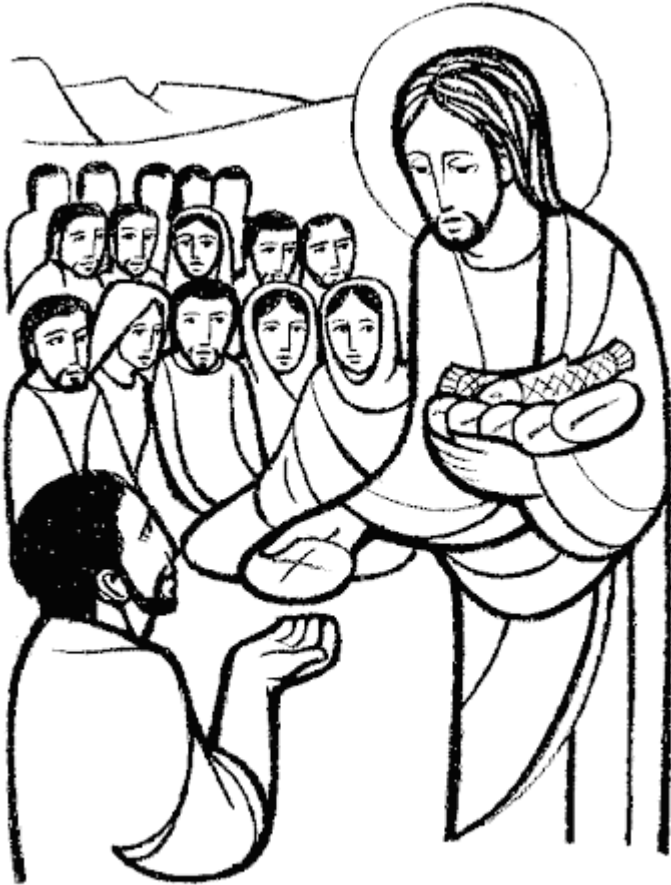


Service for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

1 August 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

I am the bread of life, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever!

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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: Christ is the King! O friends rejoice
(*St Martin's Voices*)

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

George K A Bell (1883-1958)

Gathering:

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

A Litany:

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are merciful and gracious, O Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You forgive all our iniquities
and heal all our diseases;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You redeem our lives from the pit
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy;
**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You satisfy us with good
and renew our youth like the eagles;
**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

Oratio Contemplativa, based on Psalm 103

Prayer:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

After each reading:

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

Reflection

Music: *Ave verum corpus* (Edward Elgar)
(*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

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;

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 love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Christ is the bread that comes down from heaven,
and he will raise us up on the last day. Alleluia!

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.