

Service for the Second Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

21 June 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

As you go, proclaim the good news,
the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,
and nothing secret that will not become known.

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: Lord, for the years *(All Saints Aldershot)*

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

After each reading:

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

Reflection

Music: Thou Knowest Lord
(Choir of Clare College Cambridge)

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

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son 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:

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.

Those who hold on to their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.