

Service for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

26 July 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

All things work together for good
for those who love God
who are called according to his purpose.

If God is for us,
who is against us?

Romans 8

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: All my hope on God is founded
(Salisbury Cathedral)

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) translated Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Prayer:

Faithful God,
we come into your presence with thanksgiving,
deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness
You have shown toward us, your people.
When we call out to you, you answer.
When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on.
When we find ourselves in trouble,
You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before you in gratitude and praise,
offering you the worship of our hearts and lives.
Open our eyes to see and know you here among us;
open our ears to recognize your voice.
And then send us out from here,
to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

Christine Longhurst, based on Psalm 138

An Affirmation

We share one faith,
we have one calling,

are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope.

Together we come to know
the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and build one another up,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.
Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

Nolan Palsma

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: King of glory, King of peace
(George Herbert - 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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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:

Hear the teaching of Jesus:

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'

Go now to do God's will;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

In all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.