

# Service for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity



**St Laurence Church, Downton**

19 July 2020

# Preparation

## Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is with us  
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,  
may we be renewed  
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

*Life in Liturgy*

*The Team Rector introduces the service*

Hymn: *Come ye thankful people come*  
*(St George's Windsor)*

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy garner to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home!

*Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

### Prayer:

In you alone we put our hope,  
God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,  
who gives all good things  
seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope,  
God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer,  
who died for our sins  
and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope,  
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,  
who moves us to sing  
"Our God reigns!"  
In you alone we put our hope.

*John Birch, Faith and Worship*

## Short Litany:

God, you search me and know me.  
Before I sit, you know when I will rise.  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Before I speak, you know what I will say.**

God, you search me and know me,  
in my joy and despair,  
in my breathing in and breathing out.  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Your knowledge is too deep to reach,**  
**too vast to comprehend.**

God, you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know our thoughts, our weaknesses,  
our motivations, our sins.  
And you love us still.  
**God, you search me and know me.**  
**Search me, O God, and know my heart.**

*Adapted from Pentecost 2005*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Readings:

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

### *After each reading:*

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

### Reflection

Music: *We will meet...*  
(John L. Bell)

# *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

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;

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:

As we go from here, remember this:  
As followers of Jesus Christ,  
we have not received a spirit of fear,  
but one of hope and confidence.  
For we are children of God,  
members of God's own family,  
and heirs with Jesus Christ himself.  
So go out with joy to love and serve the Lord.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God.

*Romans 8:14*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**