

# Our Sunday Service Together

July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity



## Preparation

All: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Through the brokenness of Christ, we become one body  
as one body we now gather in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to receive God's  
holy word, to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## Our Confession

*Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.*

All: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to  
you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

*Be still for a moment in confession and in receiving God's Grace in Christ*

All: May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us  
our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his  
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

## The opening prayer

All: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.  
*Silence is kept.*

All: 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 Psalms Psalm 66.1-9

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.

'All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.'

Come now and behold the works of God, how wonderful he is in his dealings with humanity.

He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

## Scripture Reading Galatians 6.7-16

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

*At the end of the reading we say:*

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

## Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Gospel Luke 10.1-11 and 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a

town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

<sup>16</sup> ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ <sup>18</sup> He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

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## A Reflection for the day

It transpires that, amongst other things, there is a notable difference in the ministry of British Military Chaplains in conflict zones and their US colleagues. US chaplains, as with British post mediaeval times, do not carry arms, however US Chaplains have an armed escort with them. One British Chaplain, when quizzed about this, with a finger point skyward replied ‘I look to God for that’.

On hearing Jesus’ words in our Luke passage today we can easily find ourselves thinking that going out like lambs amid wolves is nonsensical. However, only Jesus could make such a hare-brained suggestion to his followers. Only Jesus, knowing himself to be utterly vulnerable, yet protected by His Father, could suggest the same course of action for his followers. Despite certain opposition, misunderstanding, threats and even outright rejection, Jesus send his followers to prepare His way, to go on ahead of him.

This is Jesus’ vocation, being sent by the Father’s love, in the weakness and vulnerability of humanity to reveal the kingdom of God; the love, the redemption, the power, and the ‘with us’ presence of God to the world. Being Christ’s vocation it becomes the vocation of his followers, those who would be known as Christians. To be sent, not in our wisdom, strength, skills and resources, but in our weakness and vulnerability so that God might be seen and made known.

There is another element to Jesus’ methodology – urgency, or better, with a focussed attentiveness to the task at hand so as not to become distracted! Paul challenges the church at Galacia to adopt such an approach to their faith. ‘Wherever there is opportunity’, he says, be fully attentive and not distracted by a softer, safer version of the gospel. Do not grow weary, do not give up he says to the church, there are opportunities each new day for certain just as there is God’s provision a new each day; we can pray with confidence ‘give us this day our daily bread’.

Here we are helped, God’s provision is new each day, for those asking for his kingdom to come and will to be done in earth as in heaven so the resources required are provided new each to us. Paul has tested this promise and known God’s resourcing him and highlights it throughout his writings, saying specifically to the church at Corinth, ‘when I am weak, then (in him) I am strong’.

I wonder what the matters God is calling the church to be attentive to this day, both locally, as well as nationally or even internationally? How might we be attentive, offering our souls and bodies, in weakness as living sacrifices, and sent by the Spirit to live and work to the praise and glory of God?

# The Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers

*We make our intercessions*

We pray for Bishop Michael and all those who seek to serve you in this diocese lay and ordained. May they be filled with the Spirit and speak with authority. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We Pray for our all in public office. May they hear you call to seek justice, peace and reconciliation and be able to serve with humility and compassion. *Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbours that we may serve Christ in one another and seek the common good. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who suffer as a result of war and for those who work to relieve their suffering. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.*

We pray for the sick, suffering, dying and those who mourn ..... and we give thanks and pray for those who care for them. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Amen.

## The Collect

All: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.**

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

All: 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.

## The Conclusion

All: Christ, as a light illumine and guide me this day.  
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.  
Christ under me, Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right.  
This day be within and without me. Amen