

St Gall's Church
A Service of Morning Prayer

On the 13th Sunday after Trinity - 29th August 2021

The Collect for Today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
Help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Psalm for today is Psalm 45 v 1-9 on page 643 of the Book of Common Prayer

1st Lesson : James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2nd Lesson : Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.* For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery,

avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven. Let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Church Notices

Next Sunday - 14th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.. BYO bread & wine.
10 a.m. Parish Eucharist - BYO bread & wine.
Wednesday - Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. BYO bread & wine.

The Church Magazine September edition now available. Deadline for next edition is 13th September
- articles to the Church Office stgallooffice@btconnect.com

Indoor Bowling Club

Want to try something new? Come along to St. Gall's Indoor Bowling Club. It is hoped to resume the club (Covid Restrictions Permitting) at 7pm to 9pm on Thursday 23 September 2021. Everyone welcome, this is more a social event. Have a chat, make friends and bowl at the same time. Equipment and coaching provided. New members of all abilities are welcome. If interested, contact Gary Ballentine 07733616229 for further information and updates.

Please remember Storehouse You can leave a donation for Storehouse here at church on a Sunday. Our thanks to Anne and Bertie who deliver our donations.

Summertime on the Lawn Could we have coffee after church? Maybe.

Standing suggestion going forward - bring a wee flask with you to church on Sundays. A biscuit? Whatever you fancy. Promise: If the sun is shining we shall have chairs available on the lawn beside the church after the service. A place to sit and have a socially distanced chat. Reconnect with friends in the safety of the fresh air.

Worship on Sunday

It would be lovely to have an organist of our own. However, that is proving to be something of a challenge at the moment so we are making our own music. Question : Are you a pianist? A musician? Get in touch with the Rector if you'd like to help.

Worship on Wednesday - Mid Week Holy Communion

A return to a mid week Holy Communion service is what's happening- **on Wednesday at 10.30**
This service will be held in the main church to allow for ample social distancing. As a service of Holy Communion it will be held as per our previous Holy Communion services with members of the congregation bringing along their own bread and wine. Communion will be received in your own seat.