

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
9th August 2020**

The Gathering of God's People
Stand

The Greeting is said.
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

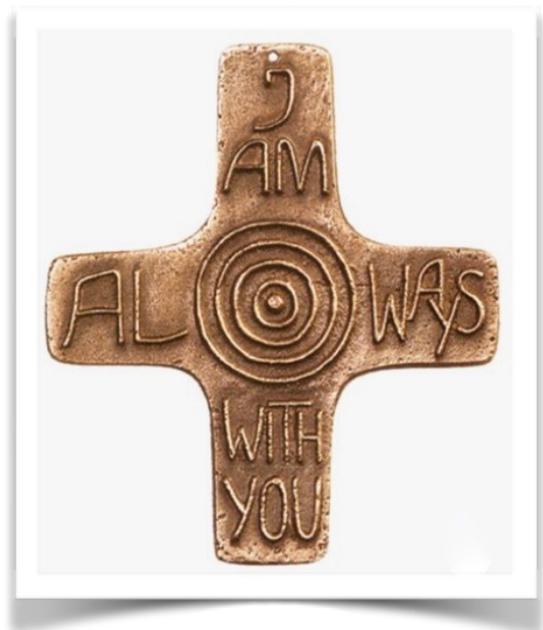
Beloved in Christ, we come together
to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and
thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
Kneel. Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive
us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,



have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word - We Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord s name be praised.

Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.
Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.
Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.
Then he called down famine over the land
and broke every staff of bread.
But he had sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
They shackled his feet with fetters;
his neck was ringed with iron.

Until all he foretold came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.
The king sent and released him;
the ruler of peoples set him free.
He appointed him lord of his household
and ruler of all he possessed,
To instruct his princes as he willed
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.
That they might keep his statutes
and faithfully observe his laws.
Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The first lesson : Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Canticle : Te Deum Part 2

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of · the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free,

you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:

we believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon - The Rector - Canon Michael Parker

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel - Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.
O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.
O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of his grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**Amen.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our being:**

We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Show us your mercy, O Lord
And grant us your salvation

As we close are prayers we keep silence.

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3: 20

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Parish Notices

A huge thank you to all those who worked to prepare the church for today. Keeping us all safe as we come to pray. Would you like to volunteer to be a steward? PPE provided. Please let one of the churchwardens know that you are happy to go on a list of helpers.

A huge thank you to Maurice our organist who has prepared the wonderful music that has stilled our minds and settled our prayers today.

Thank you for coming today.

Closing Thought

In the early centuries of Christianity thousands of believers left the cities for the desert, in order to seek a purer spirituality that they

could find amongst the distractions of ordinary life. Their teaching began a rich heritage of Christian mysticism and they are known as 'The Desert Fathers'. In a world of isolation they sought to make sense of aloneness.

Macarius the Great said: "The Spirit sings a new song to the Lord when it takes possession of a soul. With the strings of the body and the lyre of the soul, the Spirit chants praise to the life-giving Christ. In the same way that break makes music when blown through a flute, the Holy Spirit harmonies in the holy saints who sing hymns and Psalms to God with a pure heart."

From "By Way of the Desert" by Bernard Bangley