

7th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26th July 2020

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

and also with you.

We meet in the name of God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Saying sorry

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Receiving Forgiveness

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

Amen.

The Collect

The Collect for the seventh Sunday after Trinity

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 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

Song – Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
 Forgive our foolish ways
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind
 In purer lives Thy service find
 In deeper reverence praise
 In deeper reverence praise
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
 Beside the Syrian sea
 The gracious calling of the Lord
 Let us like them without a word
 Rise up and follow Thee
 Rise up and follow Thee
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee
 O calm of hills above
 Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
 The silence of eternity
 Interpreted by love
 Interpreted by love
- 4 Drop Thy still dews of quietness
 Till all our strivings cease
 Take from our souls the strain and stress
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace
 The beauty of Thy peace
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm
 Let sense be dumb let flesh retire
 Speak through the earthquake wind and fire
 O still small voice of calm
 O still small voice of calm

Story – Helen and Peter Hills

Readings

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (The Passion Translation)

2 My dear brothers and sisters, it's obvious that our ministry among you has proven to be fruitful. ² And though we had already suffered greatly in Philippi, where we were shamefully mistreated, we were emboldened *by faith* in our God to fearlessly preach his wonderful gospel to you in spite of incredible opposition.

³ Our coming alongside you to encourage you was not out of some delusion, or impure motive, or an intention to mislead you, ⁴ but we have been approved by God to be those who preach the gospel. So our motivation to preach is not pleasing people but pleasing God, who thoroughly examines our hearts. ⁵ God is our witness that when we came to encourage you, we never once used cunning compliments as a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we crave the praises of men, whether you or others. ⁷ Even though we could have imposed upon you our demands as apostles of Christ, instead we showed you kindness and were gentle among you. We cared for you in the same way a nursing mother cares for her own children. ⁸ With a mother's love and affectionate attachment to you, we were very happy to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our lives—because you had become so dear to us.

Luke 10:1-11 (The Passion Translation)

10 After this, the Lord Jesus formed thirty-five teams among the other disciples. Each team was two disciples, seventy in all, and he commissioned them to go ahead of him into every town he was about to visit. ² He released them with these instructions:

“The harvest is huge and ripe. But there are not enough harvesters to bring it all in. As you go, plead with the Owner of the Harvest to drive out into his harvest fields many more workers.³ Now, off you go! I am sending you out even though you feel as vulnerable as lambs going into a pack of wolves.⁴ You won’t need to take anything with you—trust in God alone. And don’t get distracted from my purpose by anyone you might meet along the way.

⁵ “Once you enter a house, speak to the people there and say, ‘God’s blessing of peace be upon this house!’⁶ If a lover of peace resides there, your peace will rest upon that household. But if you are rejected, your blessing of peace will come back upon you.⁷ Don’t feel the need to shift from one house to another, but stay put in one home during your time in that city. Eat and drink whatever they serve you. Receive their hospitality, for you are my harvester, and you deserve to be cared for.

⁸ “When you enter into a new town, and you have been welcomed by its people, follow these rules: Eat what is served you.⁹ Then heal the sick, and tell them all, ‘God’s kingdom realm has arrived and is now within your reach!’

¹⁰ But when you enter a city and they do not receive you, say to them publicly,
¹¹ ‘We wipe from our feet the very dust of your streets as a testimony before you! Understand this: God’s kingdom realm came within your reach and yet you have rejected God’s invitation!’”

Talk – Katharine Bacon, LLM

Song – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

- 1 Brother, sister let me serve you.
 Let me be as Christ to you;
 Pray that I may have the grace to
 Let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
 And companions on the road;
 We are here to help each other
 Walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
 In the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 Speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
 When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
 I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven
 We shall find such harmony,
 Born of all we've known together
 Of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister let me serve you.
 Let me be as Christ to you;
 Pray that I may have the grace to
 Let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

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Affirming our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers

The prayers conclude with

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.