

20th Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

Sunday 25th October 2020

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

and also with you.

Loving God, we come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you with faith,

to sing your praises with gratitude,

and to listen to your word with eagerness;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Song – God is working his purpose out

- 1 God is working His purpose out
 As year succeeds to year
 God is working His purpose out
 And the day is drawing near
 Nearer and nearer draws the time
 The time that shall surely be
 When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

- 2 From the east to the utmost west
 Wherever foot has trod
 Through the mouths of His messengers
 Echoes forth the voice of God
 Listen to me ye continents
 Ye islands give ear to me
 That the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

- 3 All our efforts are nothing worth
 Unless God bless the deed
 Vain our hopes for the harvest tide
 Till He brings to life the seed
 Yet ever nearer draws the time
 The time that shall surely be
 When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
 As the waters cover the sea

Saying Sorry

The spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

save us and help us

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

save us and help us

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by the temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

save us and help us

Receiving Forgiveness

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song – I Worship You

1 I give You all the honour
And praise that's due Your Name
For You are the King of Glory
The Creator of all things

*Chorus And I worship You
I give my life to You
I fall down on my knees
I worship You*

2 As Your Spirit moves upon me now
You meet my deepest need
And I lift my hands up to Your throne
Your mercy I've received

3 You have broken chains that bound me
You've set this captive free
I will lift my voice to praise Your Name
For all eternity

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Collect for Bible Sunday

**Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen**

Readings

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24:30-35

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he^[g] is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Talk – Katharine Bacon, Licensed Lay Minister

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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

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.

Song – Make Way, Make Way

1 Make way make way for Christ the King
 In splendour arrives
 Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
 Into your lives

Chorus Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
For the King of kings (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way ((MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
And let His kingdom in (ALL)

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal
 The prisoners to free
 The deaf shall hear the lame shall dance
 The blind shall see

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts
 Who weep and sigh
 With laughter joy and royal crown
 He'll beautify

4 We call you now to worship Him
 As Lord of all
 To have no gods before Him
 Their thrones must fall

The Blessing

Hear the teaching of Jesus;

'Blessed are those who hear God's word and obey it.'

Go now and do God's will;

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.