

Sunday 16th October 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

Gospel: Luke 18: 1 - 8

We enter into God's presence to give Him praise.

Acclamation

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.
For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.
To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Psalm: 119: 97 – 104

Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.
⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.
⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.
¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.
¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.
¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.
¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.

Song: (*click link*) All Creatures of our God & King <https://youtu.be/T4OnoVqSz00>

Invitation to Confession:

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.

Confession:

Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your
commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution:

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins
and restore us in His image
to the praise and glory of His name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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

Gospel: Luke 18: 1 – 8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/XqO1d5lm-5g>

Song: To God be the glory - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vbGFupxwu0>

Song: I give Myself Away <https://youtu.be/St2Jhf8jcXE>

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The 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 of Intercession

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for His goodness.

We thank you Father God for your goodness to us, for the fact that we can come here together today to worship you and meet together as part of your body here on earth. You indeed are our Father in Heaven and your name is hallowed, greatly revered and honoured.

Father God as we seek your direction, and endeavour to keep your commandments, please empower us by Your Holy Spirit as we so want to do all things in your strength and not our own. Father we know that you long for all men to come to know you, to love you and to worship you. Thankyou that Jesus came to show us the way, the truth and the life which is the life you want us to live by, and by shining your light in this world may we fulfil Jesus' commission to go and make disciples of all nations and teach them to obey everything He has commanded us to do. By doing this Father God may your kingdom come and your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

Father God thankyou for our daily provision of food, our daily bread. We pray today for those who live in poverty, hunger or want across the world and in our own community. We especially think of those in East Africa where drought has brought such misery for many and death, disease and starvation. Our hearts especially break to see the children so malnourished. We pray today for those people in Ukraine who have lost so much and rely so much on others to house them, to clothe them and to feed them. We pray for an end to this terrible war which causes so much fear and misery for so many. We hear on the news Father God of many places in your world that are struggling and often as an outcome of climate change which brings its own repercussions. Help us to work together Father for the needs of others with empathy and unselfishness especially thinking of those who work tirelessly on the front line in very difficult situations.

Lord in your mercy..... Hear our prayer.

Father, we sometimes fail to keep your commandments and do things we ought not to have done and failing to do what we should have done. Maybe we have spoken a cross word or had an unloving thought. Forgive us our sins Lord and If anyone has hurt or damaged us in any way help us to forgive those who sin against us.

Lord in your mercy.....Hear our prayer

Father God we know that you lead us by your Spirit as we journey through this world, You know we get tempted along the way by the trappings of the world, of wealth, success or achievements which can make us less reliant on you. Deliver us Father from any path we

take that is not Holy and help us to recognise the enemy who prowls around seeking to draw us away from You.

Father sometimes it's hard to see the way ahead for some. For those recently bereaved and coping with grief, the loneliness and emptiness for those left here to carry on with no clear idea of the future, those who feel helpless and vulnerable, those fighting injustice and unable to see the bigger picture of you working in their lives. We all have people we know who need Your touch on their lives, please look on them with Your favour this day as we lift them to You with love.

Lord in Your mercy.....Hear our prayer

Father God please look with favour on all people who work together to make this world a better place, we think locally of those who teach in our schools, for those who meet the needs of others in Care homes, for our doctors and nurses and all medical facilities. We are so fortunate to have these facilities from which to care, help us to remember daily your blessings to us and show us how we can help alongside them to care too.

Lord in your mercy.... Hear our prayer

So Father, with the confidence of our faith in You
With the assurance of the hope you put in our hearts,
With the will to serve you at all times,
May we love you with our whole hearts
And love our neighbour as ourselves
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.

Collect:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept.

Lord's Prayer:

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
and 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 forever. Amen.

Song: (click link) Go forth and tell - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkDD4GiqUEM>

Blessing:

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with Him in his risen life.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;
Father Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us, and remain with us
and all those whom we love,
now and forever.
Amen.

As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.

Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.