

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1:** Colossians 1 15 - 28

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38 – end

**Psalm: 52: 8b – 9**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with you  
**And also with you**

**Acclamation from**

**Psalm: 52: 8b – 9**

I trust in the steadfast love of God  
for ever and ever.  
<sup>9</sup> I will thank you for ever,  
because of what you have done.  
In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

**Song:** *(click link)* Praise to the Lord the Almighty <https://youtu.be/JEh7Vt9sxmc>

**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.

### **We listen to the word of God.**

## **Reading 1: Colossians 1: 15 – 28**

### **The Supremacy of Christ**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

### **Paul's Interest in the Colossians**

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**Gospel: Luke 10: 38 – end**

### **Jesus Visits Martha and Mary**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. <sup>[1]</sup> Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/u5mcY1y2CQ8>

**Song:** I Surrender all <https://youtu.be/SW8EA7DEQ2M>

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these people, the faith of the church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?**

**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 the world and let us thank God for His goodness to us:

Father God we are here today to worship you and to thank you for the wonderful gift of Jesus and that through Him we can be reconciled to You, be forgiven people and live in eternal life.

We thank you Father God for this little girl and for her baptism today. We ask you to bless this time of dedication of this young life to You and of welcoming her into your church family. Help us Father to remember to pray for her, alongside her parents and wider family, and enjoy watching her grow in faith in You and in understanding and to learn to follow your teachings through Jesus and your Holy Spirit.

Father God, we live in an unpredictable world with so many concerns. We think especially today of our own Government and pray for our future Prime Minister. We hope for a leader who knows You and leads us with wisdom and integrity.

We pray for this your world Father and thank you so much for the beauty we see around us especially here in the Dengie. We love to see the crops growing, we enjoy lovely walks in the cool of the morning and evening, we are so fortunate. Help us to always think of those people who don't have these privileges because of war, drought, famine, financial pressures and so many more pressures in people's lives. Help us to be like the good Samaritan and not pass by or ignore the plight of others. Guide us to those in need please Father especially locally in these days of extreme heat which can cause many problems.

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

Father God, we have been drawn here today by the power of your love for each one of us, in the power of that love we now pray for all who serve as ministers of your word and sacrament in the church, we especially lift Revd Peter our vicar and his wife Fiona to you today now that they have recovered from Covid and we pray that no long lasting effects will hinder their work for you.

May we too be mindful of those who are grieving or suffering in any way, may we have divine encounters as we go about our daily lives. May we have time to stop and speak and most of all to listen. May we love our neighbours as you ask us to do Lord and treat them as we would ourselves want to be treated. May your love be expressed to all who come in to our lives.

Lord in your mercy..... Hear our Prayer

Father God we know that life with you is a journey. We know that for our newly baptised little girl that she is beginning her journey with you and needs help, teaching and encouragement. May you give wisdom to her parents and God parents as they take on this role. We thank you for the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus, for the forgiveness and salvation we have received through him, for his presence with us always and for the service into which he has called each one of us. Help us to express our thanks, not only in our praises and prayers but also through the lives we lead.

Father God we offer you our prayers, with all the love in our being, both those that are spoken out loud and those that are whispered in our hearts. Amen.

**Collect:**

Almighty God,

Send down upon your church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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*)

**Blessing:**

The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;

.....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.

Song: Lord I give you my heart. <https://youtu.be/QiaLyjFYhnY>

*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.*