

Morning Worship
Sunday 19th September 2021
16th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Proverbs 31: 10 – 31

Epistle: James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7 – 8a

Gospel: **Mark 9: 30 - 37**

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: 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Song: (*click link*) Speak, O Lord, as we come to you <https://youtu.be/3tPp8ov7cks>

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: Proverbs 31: 10 – 31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
¹⁵ She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household

and tasks for her servant-girls.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
 with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength,
 and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
 Her lamp does not go out at night.
¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff,
 and her hands hold the spindle.
²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor,
 and reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
 for all her household are clothed in crimson.
²² She makes herself coverings;
 her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is known in the city gates,
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.
²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them;
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.
²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
 and she laughs at the time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household,
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy;
 her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently,
 but you surpass them all.'
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
 and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Gospel: Mark 9: 30 – 37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: (click link) https://youtu.be/0ASwf_4om2Q

Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (click link)

<https://youtu.be/zundjUFazfq>

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 to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ, for *N* our Bishop, [*for ...*]

and for the whole people of God,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world, [*for ...*],

for Elizabeth our Queen and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (*or town or village or community*), [*for ...*],

for our neighbours and our friends,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,

and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,

for the widowed and orphans,

for the sick and suffering,

[*for ...*] and for all in any need,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,

for the unemployed and the destitute,

for prisoners and captives,

and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, for those who mourn

for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,

as we look forward to the day when we share

the fullness of the resurrection,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion *of all* the saints,

let us commend ourselves, and one another,

and all our life, to God.

Silence is kept.

For yours is the majesty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

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.

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.

Song: Build My Life (*click link*)

https://youtu.be/QZW4_8_zCBE

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.