

**Church of St Leonard, Southminster**  
**Church of St Lawrence and All Saints, Steeple**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1:** Colossians 1. 1-14

**Gospel:** Luke 10. 25-37

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

**And also with you.**

**Song:** Our God

(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNcC8EtBlsc>

**Invitation to Confession:**

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

**Confession:**

Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Absolution:**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
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:** Colossians 1. 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant.<sup>[a]</sup> He is a faithful minister of Christ on your<sup>[c]</sup> behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's<sup>[d]</sup> will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled<sup>[e]</sup> you<sup>[f]</sup> to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Luke 10. 25-37

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.<sup>[a]</sup> 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>26</sup> He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>27</sup> He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii,<sup>[b]</sup> gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup> He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Talk:** (click link) [https://youtu.be/Fo\\_1etf7a7l](https://youtu.be/Fo_1etf7a7l)

**Song:** Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You  
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07FBSrx5Oq4>

## **The Creed:**

*Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.

**Amen.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Almighty and Everlasting God, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ,  
to hear us when we pray in faith and so we bring our prayers and concerns to you now:  
for the Church, the world and ourselves.

Father of All, we pray for the peace of your Church across the world,  
for our brothers and sisters in Christ who face the instability of persecution and religious  
oppression. We pray that they will one day enjoy the freedom we enjoy,  
to worship and praise you week by week.  
Give them the hope and strength they need to keep them firm in their faith.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer for all your faithful people in their vocation and ministry.  
May they serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name.  
Bless all those in our Ministry Team and PCC in Southminster and Steeple, that as they take us  
forward in mission, it may always be rooted in prayer, with the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.  
We thank you for the gifts you have given us both individually and collectively and we pray that we  
will demonstrate your love, by going the extra mile for those in need in our community.  
Help us to see others as you see them, so that your love and Kingdom can be revealed.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, we pray for all who are weighed down by the complexities of war,  
oppression and violence, for those who live and die in poverty and hunger and those affected by  
extreme weather conditions. Guide the peacemakers and the decision makers,  
that they may make wise choices in accordance with your will.  
We pray for your guidance to show us how to offer love and compassion to those in  
faraway places and ask for your blessing on all who risk their lives on a daily basis  
as they give practical and lifesaving help.  
We ask that your voice of calm and healing may be heard above all the suffering.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of Mercy, we pray for those who are troubled by worries about employment, who struggle to put food on the table and those who have no permanent place to call home. Raise up people of vision to drive forward creative and new ways to offer practical and loving support and may those who receive their help, be aware of your love for them.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of Healing, we bring before you all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for those mentioned in our weekly Bulletin, for those waiting for a doctor's diagnosis, or on a waiting list for tests or surgery, for those recovering from surgery, for those in mental anguish and those who are searching for a purpose in their lives. In a moment of silence, we bring before you now, those on our hearts who are suffering at this time.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray that you will be especially close to those who are nearing death and we give thanks that those who are now at rest in you, have found new peace and new life. Bless and comfort all who mourn the loss of a loved one, whether recently or whose anniversary falls at this time. In their time of grieving may they be aware of your constant loving presence.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Father, as we go out into this coming week, may we be filled anew with your Holy Spirit, loving our neighbour as ourselves, reaching out to those in need and so expanding your Kingdom here on earth.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**The Collect:**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**The 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.  
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.**

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves  
and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** This Is My Desire  
(Click link) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHRZxkluZ\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHRZxkluZ_Q)

**Blessing:**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.  
and give Him thanks.*