

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1: Genesis 18: 1 – 15, 21: 1 - 7**

**Reading 2: Romans 5: 1 - 8**

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

**And also with you.**

**Psalm: 116: 9 – 17**

I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>10</sup> I kept my faith, even when I said,  
'I am greatly afflicted';

<sup>11</sup> I said in my consternation,  
'Everyone is a liar.'

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**Song:** *(click link) Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

<https://youtu.be/b1MN3chW1Hk>

**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. 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: Genesis 18; 1 – 15, 21: 1 – 7**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' <sup>7</sup>And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

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

## Reading 2: Romans 5: 1 – 8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access<sup>[b]</sup> to this grace in which we stand; and we<sup>[c]</sup> boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we<sup>[d]</sup> also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

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

Song: Father God I wonder <https://youtu.be/t8OjxzNEzBk>

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

### The Creed

*Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of 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

United in the company of all the faithful  
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God,  
the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord,  
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Bless *Guli* our bishop, and all ministers of your Church,

that by faithful proclamation of your word  
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets  
into a holy temple in the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ  
from glory to glory.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give to the world and its peoples  
the peace that comes from above,  
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love  
in the service of the poor and needy;  
all those who minister to the sick and dying;  
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives  
are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain,  
that, raised from death to life in Christ,  
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us,  
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;  
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,  
guide us to your kingdom,  
and grant us your peace at all times.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hasten the day when many will come  
from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We give you thanks  
for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them,  
be made perfect in your love.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.      Amen.

**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.

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

**Song:** (*click link*)    O for a Thousand Tongues to sing [https://youtu.be/b2dYT\\_AnI6E](https://youtu.be/b2dYT_AnI6E)

**Blessing:**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace.....

.....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.*