

Sunday 21st July 2024

8th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ephesians 2: 11 - end

Gospel: Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - end

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: 89: 20 – 37

I have found David my servant;
with my sacred oil I have anointed him.
²¹ My hand will sustain him;
surely my arm will strengthen him.
²² The enemy will not get the better of him;
the wicked will not oppress him.
²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down his adversaries.
²⁴ My faithful love will be with him,
and through my name his horn will be exalted.
²⁵ I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.
²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, the Rock my Saviour.'
²⁷ And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,
the most exalted of the kings of the earth.
²⁸ I will maintain my love to him forever,
and my covenant with him will never fail.
²⁹ I will establish his line forever,
his throne as long as the heavens endure.

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³⁰ “If his sons forsake my law
and do not follow my statutes,
³¹ if they violate my decrees
and fail to keep my commands,
³² I will punish their sin with the rod,
their iniquity with flogging;
³³ but I will not take my love from him,
nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.
³⁴ I will not violate my covenant
or alter what my lips have uttered.
³⁵ Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness—
and I will not lie to David—
³⁶ that his line will continue forever
and his throne endure before me like the sun;
³⁷ it will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky.”

Song: ([click link](#))

Invitation to Confession:

Jesus says,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing 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

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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: Ephesians 2: 11 – end

One in Christ

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

Gospel: Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the

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market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: *(click link)* Rev'd. Jacqui <https://youtu.be/kjkkswZmsR4>

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

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

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Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray to the Lord for the courage to give ourselves to Him,
to speak His word of hope and life
and for the coming of God's kingdom in this place.
Father by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom for the captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit:
rouse us to work in His name,
to continue His work.
We pray today for.....
Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom for the oppressed.
We pray today for.....
Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing, reconciling love.
We pray especially for.....
Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom.

Send us to those that mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
We pray especially for.....
Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for You to save your people.
We pray especially for.....
Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your Kingdom.

God of mercy
You know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship

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of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect:

Lord God, Your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake; when we prosper, save us from pride, when we are needy, save us from despair, that we may trust in You alone: through 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.

Song: (*click link*)

Blessing:

Now to Him who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly
far more than all we can ask or imagine,
to Him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
for ever and ever.....

.....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 or WhatsApp page to bless others.