

# Morning Worship Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

**Reading 1:** Hebrews 4: 12 - end

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17 - 31

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Psalm: 22: 1 – 15**

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- <sup>8</sup> 'Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
- <sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my mouth<sup>[a]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

**Song:** (*click link*)      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty      [https://youtu.be/zzM9P\\_Gqw-s](https://youtu.be/zzM9P_Gqw-s)

### **Invitation to Confession**

What God has prepared for those who love Him,  
He has revealed to us through the Spirit:  
for He searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love Him.

### **Confession:**

O King, enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
Holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
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.

### **Reading1: Hebrews 4: 12 - end**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

### **Jesus the Great High Priest**

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**Gospel: Mark 10 17 – 31 The Rich Man**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' <sup>20</sup> He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the gospel of the lord. Praise to you O Christ.

**Prayer:**

Lord God, we thank you that we can learn from your word. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word today that we might grow in our love for you. We ask in Jesus name.

**Talk:** (Click link) Ken Dunstan <https://youtu.be/hKgLtnm6Eyc>

*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:**

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
for mercy and grace.  
We plead before your throne in heaven.  
Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls has found:  
We pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments.  
Especially we pray for.....  
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.  
We plead before your throne in heaven  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:  
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours  
Especially we pray for.....  
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.  
We plead before your throne in heaven.  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:  
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,  
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying  
Especially we pray for.....  
Breathe on them the breath of life  
and bring them to your mercy and grace.  
We plead before your throne in heaven.  
Lord, in your mercys  
Hear our prayer

Holy Trinity, Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:  
We pray for ourselves,  
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you,  
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,  
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,  
as we worship you, saying,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

**Collect:**

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of 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.

*Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering; let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (*click link*)        Jesus Is King        <https://youtu.be/rAYq1wLSHi0>

**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 all and those whom we love,  
this day and always.        Amen