

Sunday 23rd July 2023
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Romans 8: 12 – 25

Gospel: Mark 12: 35 - 37

Psalm: 57

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

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

Song: (*click link*) Praise to the Lord the Almighty <https://youtu.be/PNBB4F-0Haw>

Invitation to Confession:

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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 Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

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: Psalm: 57

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
until the destroying storms pass by.
² I cry to God Most High,
to God who fulfils his purpose for me.
³ He will send from heaven and save me,
he will put to shame those who trample on me.
God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.
⁴ I lie down among lions
that greedily devour human prey;
their teeth are spears and arrows,
their tongues sharp swords.
⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.
⁶ They set a net for my steps;
my soul was bowed down.
They dug a pit in my path,
but they have fallen into it themselves.
⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast.
I will sing and make melody.
⁸ Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
¹⁰ For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.
¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.

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

Reading: Mark 12: 35 - 37

The Question about David's Son

³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, 'How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

³⁷ David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?' And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Song: You are my Hiding Place <https://youtu.be/2Ttxfl61k0U>

Talk: (click link) https://youtu.be/GXF8_mPtMZ4

Song: Faithful One, so unchanging <https://youtu.be/Uxviwvjyg1w>

Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,
we pray for all Christian people;
for Bishop *Guli, Lynne, Roger and Adam*;
for all Christian leaders,
and for those who teach and guard the faith ...
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,

and knit us together in the bond of your love.

Lord, Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
and for those in authority under them ...

Give them the gift of your wisdom,
and a right discernment in all things.

Lord, Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for our ... (*city/town/village/community*);

for those who live and work here,

and for those who visit this place ...

Speak your word of peace in our midst,
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

Lord, Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe,
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life ...

Open their ears to hear your voice,
and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ.

Lord, Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness,
especially ...

May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need.

Lord, Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ

and we rejoice with all your saints,
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Lord of life,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

Collect:

Generous God, You give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; 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.

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

Song: (click link) Great is Thy Faithfulness <https://youtu.be/r4ox4es1jo8>

Blessing:

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to Himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in His service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus
fill your hearts.....

.....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.