

Church of St Leonard, Southminster
Church of St Lawrence and All Saints, Steeple
Sunday 24th July 2022
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Colossians 2.6-15

Gospel: Luke 11. 1-13

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

And also with you.

Psalm: 85. 1-7

Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour

- ¹ LORD, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation towards us.
⁵ Will you be angry with us for ever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶ Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Song: Here I am to Worship

(Click link) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5hN_m55uoM

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:

Colossians 2:6-15

Fullness of Life in Christ

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 11.1-13

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine

has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” ⁷ And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/QLAR4uTFdyE>

Song: Holy Holy Holy

(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Imap-gfKWD4>

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:

Our prayers for others bring us to our knees in gratitude for what we have and in desiring for the needs of those around us.

Holy Spirit of God,

Hear our prayer.

Having experienced heatwaves which floored and discomforted so many of us, we pray for all those across the world who daily have to deal with such temperature extremes. Those whose houses are flimsy and unstable and uninsulated against cold or heat, those who have no place to find retreat and rest from the heat. Lands become parched more readily and crops wither. Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are facing extreme hunger if rains don't come soon. May we and all the world find ways to support each other and reduce our impact on the climate, that all, now and in the future may live more sustainable,

healthy lives with food enough for the day.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For all those who work in Social Care and the Health Services in our country and around the world, where underfunding, lack of resources, lack of support and misuse and abuse by so many causes stress to staff, deteriorating care at crisis times, delayed diagnosis and insufficient support. We pray for those who work, who plan for, who fund and who need to use such services.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For governments and regimes around the globe who find themselves in turmoil. We pray for a wider recognition of the needs of all and seek equality and fairness for all humanity. We pray that we may, in our small way, be part of the solution. For those who seek to flee corrupt and violent regimes and who put themselves in danger to simply find a better way of life. May they find, welcome, care, love, support and guidance as they journey.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For those without faith or moral compass, who do not seek the Kingdom of God, the support and love of God, who do not seek or know the burning of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We pray they may see the spark in others and be drawn to faith and find the love and comfort that faith can bring.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For those who still work tirelessly on Covid research and prevention.
For those who diagnose and nurse, who support and care for those infected.
For those who still need to shield to keep safe and virus free. For those who suffer from long Covid and all whose mental health has been impacted by the virus and the change in our way of life, those who struggled with lockdowns and who find it hard to re-join society, who have become reclusive and fearful of being in crowds.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For the lost, the lonely, the ill, the dying and the bereaved, that in times of pain, confusion and grief they may find comfort in God, in family, friends or neighbour, in a touch, a word, a smile or companionable silence.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

For those known to us with their specific needs, we pray that they will gain comfort and strength from knowing that we are bringing them and their needs before God and stand beside them in their time of need.
Holy Spirit of God,
Hear our prayer.

This day, these are our prayers for those whose lives touch our lives, our consciousness, our very being, they are the prayers for the people whose needs weigh heavily upon our hearts and lives.

Holy Spirit of God,

Hear our prayer. Amen.

Collect:

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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: I am a new Creation

(Click link) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yvw_eV36sQ

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

Song: Build your Kingdom Here – Rend Collective

(Click link) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-4bEbk1m_c