Sunday 26th June 2022

Second Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25

Psalm: 77: 11 - end

Gospel: Luke 9: 51 - end

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.

Psalm: 77

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.

- ¹² I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.
- ¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.
- ¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.
- ²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Song: (click link) All Creatures of our God and King https://youtu.be/qiTFaHwwAW0

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam Thou, silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Works of the Flesh

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

Gospel: Luke 9: 51 - end Glory to you O, Lord

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: (click link) https://youtu.be/omOZog9BqZE

Song: Jesus we celebrate your victory https://youtu.be/6mBJL58NUUs

Jesus we celebrate Your victory
Jesus we revel in Your love
Jesus we rejoice You've set us free
Jesus Your death has brought us life

It was for freedom that Christ has set us free No longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery So we're rejoicing in God's victory Our hearts responding to His love

His Spirit in us releases us from fear
The way to Him is open
With boldness we draw near
And in His presence our problems disappear
Our hearts responding to His love

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

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for His goodness:

Father God, we ask for your blessing on this your place of worship, your blessing on each one of us gathered here today, your blessing on this land we live in and on your world, give us hearts to care, hearts to love, and resources to share:

Father God, thinking of resources we pray for those who are struggling in the world and in our own country with financial difficulties, housing problems, health problems, transport problems. It seems there is so much Father to be concerned about. Your Word tells us Father that Jesus told his disciples that they would hear of wars and rumours of wars, there will be famines and earthquakes and persecution. Our hearts go out today to all who struggle at this time and we think of the dreadful earthquake in Afghanistan which has taken so many lives and of the awful drought in Somalia, the continuing war in Ukraine and the real travel disruption in this land affecting so many areas of people's lives. Father, we know there are so many other places and situations that need your touch, bring them to our minds constantly and accept our heartfelt prayers for them.

Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Father God, Jesus commanded us to love our neighbours as ourselves. He said to love one another as He has loved us. Not just people who live nearby but anyone we come in to contact with or people from afar who touch our hearts. Just as we take care of ourselves help us to care for others in the same way. Help us to speak kindly to, or about others, even those who turn us away and reject us. Help us to be like Jesus and teach us to act and speak in the right way, to be people of forgiveness and not entice anger into our hearts or speak harsh words which once said can cause much harm.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Father God thankyou that you journey with us all throughout our lives, you give life, and in your mercy, new life to those of us who trust in You. We thank you for the chance to join in the Bradwell Pilgrimage this coming Saturday, a spiritual journey that touches heart and soul. As we walk with others Lord help us to continually walk with Your Holy Spirit and keep in step with Him always.

Father, we read in Your Word that Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem as the time of his death drew near. He approached with determination to complete his mission, travelling under the constant shadow of the cross. We know Father that there is a real cost to following Jesus but we shouldn't look back or hold on or be bound to earthly things or even at times people but to journey on with Jesus's determination to complete the mission He has set for us.

Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Father God your Word says that You heal the broken hearted and bind up our wounds. We ask You to deal tenderly with those who mourn, those who are undergoing treatment, those who are anxious in any way. We lift to you in our hearts those we know who need that special healing touch from You today be it physical or spiritual or practical help from another.

Lord in your mercyHear our prayer

Dear Father God, we have journeyed to this place and here we pause, our lives so far have brought us here, accompany us now on our future journeys, give wisdom, light and always joy, so that in thought and gift and love, our lives shall be to fellow travellers a witness to your presence in the world.

Heavenly Father, your will for us and all your people is eternal happiness now and forever. We thank you for the blessings you have given each one of us and ask for strength for us to walk in the way you lead us. Help us to remember the love of Jesus shown on the cross and to accept the new life and love and freedom which he offers us.

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 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)

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.

Song: (click link) Before the throne of God. https://youtu.be/-50pFs0hRpg

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.