

Sunday 27th August 2023

12th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Genesis 6: 9 - 22

Psalm: 124

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 - 20

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: 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Song: (*click link*) All my hope on God is Founded <https://youtu.be/DohxO6ytsaU>

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: Genesis 6: 9-22

Noah pleases God

⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

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

Gospel: Matthew 16 : 13 - 20 Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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

Song: My Jesus My Saviour <https://youtu.be/c3JtVj1YWgk>

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, the world and thank God for his goodness.

Heavenly Father,
who created us to be brothers and sisters in Christ,
we give you thanks and praise
for the friendship and love of this church family.
Hear us as we pray for the Church,
our world, and all we do for you.
May we pay tribute to you with everything we say,
think and what is in our hearts.

Creator God,
we thank you for the example of Noah,
for his faith and willingness to listen and obey you.
Help us to care for the world and all that you created,
for animals that live off the land,
the fish that live in the sea and
the birds that live in the air,
for each other and our responsibility to
respect and care for the world that you created.
May we be faithful, honest and obedient to you and
know we belong to this friendly community.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

God of wisdom,
we thank you for being our guide.
Help leaders and decision-makers to desire to see and know you.
give them the wisdom to make good decisions,
to be honest and truthful
and prevent them from being tempted to use
their authority and power to oppress others.
We pray for peace in this world,
for people who are in crisis today –
bring relief to all who are frightened,
whose worlds have been destroyed.
– stop people from feeling lost and alone.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God,
we know you love us; help us to show how much we love you too.
Thank you for our families, friends and neighbours,
for those around us who we work with and share our daily lives –
for the joys and blessings of life lived together.
We pray for our children, young people and teachers as
they prepare to return to school, college and university
in the coming weeks.
Help us, as a Christian family,
to be humbly devoted to you and each other.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God,
we pray for all whose lives are restricted by illness.
We remember the terminally ill,
people with long term chronic illnessness,

those in constant pain, the depressed and those who have lost hope.
We especially pray for the people on our prayer list and those we know,
and in silence name those on your mind this morning.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Comforter God,
we pray for those bereaved by the death of
someone they love or were dear to them,
or whose anniversary they remember at this time.
Help them to know the comfort of the Holy Spirit
and the support of family, friends and the Church.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Faithful God,
we have shared with you our prayer requests and
thanksgivings and we ask for the blessing of
your presence in the week ahead in all we do and say.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Silence is kept.

Collect: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your
goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, 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*) How Great Thou Art https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLz3Xv2Hr_4

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.