

Sunday 9th June 2024
2nd Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5.1

Gospel: Mark 3. 20-end

We enter into God's presence to give Him praise.

Acclamation

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.
For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.
To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

Psalm: 138

Thanksgiving and Praise

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
² I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸ The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Song: This is the Day
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>

Invitation to Confession:

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world

and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession:

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
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: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5.1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture –
'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the
one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into
his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and
more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing
us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be
seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God,

a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus and Beelzebul

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - ³⁰ for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

The True Kindred of Jesus

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters outside, asking for you.' ³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/Tu0Tb8WStCl>

Song: Faithful One
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PjSO5lhl0M>

Let us declare our faith in God

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us

with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

God of truth, we pray that your Church
may be led into the way of truth
and an ever-deepening understanding
of your nature and your will.
We pray for our leaders, teachers and ministers;
we pray for us to have the right priorities
and a softening of the ground of our hearts.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of power, we pray for those with authority,
influence and power in our world;
for all who are easily led,
often against their conscience;
we pray for a re-aligning of right values
and a reawakening of mutual respect and trust.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of loving kindness,
watch over our homes and families,
our friends and neighbours;
we pray too for those who wish us harm
and those we find it difficult to love;
we pray for more of you in all our relationships.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mercy and compassion,
we bring to you all those who, through illness,
accident, age, abuse or human weakness,
are suffering today.
Gather them up in your love
and give your healing, your strength and courage,
your hope and wholeness.
We make ourselves available
as channels of your love.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of eternity,
in whom there is no beginning or end,
welcome into your presence those who have died,
and give comfort to those
who miss their earthly company.
Give us all a greater understanding
of the new life that you offer.
Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

The Collect:

Faithful Creator,
Whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

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: How great is our God
(Click link) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWnLltF3_E4

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

*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.*