

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1:** 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 - 11

**Gospel:** John 6: 59 - 69

**Opening prayer:**

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

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*) Here For You <https://youtu.be/xo6o-j-fDgk>

**Invitation to Confession:**

Seeing we have a great high priest  
who has passed into the heavens,  
Jesus the Son of God,  
let us draw near with a true heart,  
in full assurance of faith,  
and make our confession to our heavenly Father

**Confession:**

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.

### **We listen to the word of God.**

#### **Reading 1:** 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 – 11

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

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

#### **Gospel: Matthew 28: 16 – 20**

### **The Commissioning of the Disciples**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/L6KzOBVqt7s>

**Song:** (Click link) So Will I <https://youtu.be/C2U7ffUM5Ec>

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these people, the faith of the church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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**

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,

bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,

give food to the hungry ...

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth

and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler,

bind up the injured,

strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us,

accept our prayers, and be with us always.

Amen.

***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:**

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Song:** (*click link*) In Christ Alone <https://youtu.be/rn9-UNer6MQ>

**Blessing:**

The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;

.....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*) The Way <https://youtu.be/MOzsJlk8p6I>

*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.*