

Sunday Worship for 18th July 2021

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

From the Wirksworth Team Ministry

WELCOME AND GREETING

The Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior, Team Vicar, Wirksworth Team Ministry

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

(All) and also with you.

A very warm welcome to this Service on the 7th Sunday after Trinity, which is coming from the Wirksworth Team Ministry. We are a group of 10 churches in the Derbyshire Dales and we are also blessed with 10 schools within our communities. All of our churches and some of our schools have given of their time and talent to put this service together and I'm so grateful for all that they have done.

Throughout our service today there is a theme of God our shepherd and that is reflected in our readings, prayers and hymns.

We start our worship with the hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord. Sung by the choir of St Mary's here in Wirksworth.

HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Sung by the St Mary's Choir, Wirksworth

Organist, Christopher Dixon

I come with joy to meet my lord

Forgiven, loved, and free;

In awe and wonder to recall

His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near

To find, as all are fed,

The true community of love

In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread for men to share,

Each proud division ends;

The love that made us, makes us one,

And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our lord;
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways;
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Our saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God we have in Christ Jesus. Let us confess our sins in penitence and in faith.

KYRIE CONFESSION

Read by members of St Mary's Church, Wirksworth

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

COLLECT

Led by the children of Carsington and Hopton Primary School

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Read by Rev Alan Griggs

Lead Rural Chaplain at Rural Action Derbyshire

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

ANTHEM

Psalm 23

Sung by members of All Saints Church, Bradbourne: Ischia Gooda (soprano solo), Jennifer Kelly (soprano), David Gooda (alto), Rob Morton (tenor), Daniel Kelly (bass), Ben Kelly (organ)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Music by: Howard Goodall

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

*Read by Mrs Karen Thompson
St Margaret's Church, Carsington*

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Sung by Mrs Cathy Oldfield of St Margaret's Church, Carsington
Organist is Mrs Alison Richards*

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: F. W. Faber 1814 – 1863

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*Read by The Rev Canon David Truby
Rector of the Wirksworth Team Ministry*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognised them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognised him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

REFLECTION

Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior, filmed at Holy Trinity Church in Middleton

Including Faith in Daily life testimonies from:

Mr and Mrs Matthews, Churchwarden and Treasurer of St James', Idridgehay

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HYMN

The King of Love my shepherd is

Sung by the St Martin's Voices

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Tune: Dominus regit me

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**All from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**All who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**All who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**All Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

*Prayers are led by Dr Ian Todd, Churchwarden of St Mary's, Wirksworth
Mrs June Baldwin, Churchwarden of St James', Brassington
Mrs Liz Thomas, Reader, All Saints', Alderwasley
Mrs Sue Todd, Children's Worker, Wirksworth Team Ministry*

We shall use today's bible passages to guide us in our prayers of intercession.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
(Psalm 23: 1)*

God our shepherd, we praise You for being our guide and protector.
We thank You for Your constant love and presence with us.

Help us always to be aware of your faithful support and guidance in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

*He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd
(Mark 6: 34b)*

Loving God, so many people in the world are like lost sheep, with no clear direction,
meaning or purpose in their lives.

We pray that the light of your love will shine upon them, illuminate their path, and guide
them to you, the source, purpose and destination of all being.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

He shall...execute justice and righteousness in the land.
(Jeremiah 23: 5b)

Righteous God, we pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

We pray for peace where there is war. We pray for all those suffering because of conflicts and oppression.

We pray for the millions who do not have enough to eat, clean water to drink, adequate shelter or health care.

Please help us, and all in authority, to strive for justice, peace and the provision of basic human rights for all.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

He has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
(Ephesians 2: 14b)

God our parent, all human beings are Your children and are loved equally by you. We thank you for the diversity of humanity that adds so much to the richness of our lives.

We pray for all who are the target of discrimination of any kind.

Give them strength in the face of this injustice, and help us all to fight discrimination in all its forms.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters
(Psalm 23: 2)

Creator God, we thank You for the wonders of planet Earth, and ask your forgiveness for the damage that humankind is doing to it.

Global warming is leading to the fiery destruction of green pastures or turning them into deserts; still waters become raging torrents that engulf homes and destroy livelihoods.

Help us all to make the changes to our lifestyles, and to demand the governmental policies that are necessary to combat the devastating effects of climate change.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

They laid the sick in the market places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. (Mark 6: 56b)

Compassionate God, we pray for all who are ill in body or mind.

We think of those affected by COVID-19, or any sort of physical illness.

We think of those afflicted by mental health issues.

We pray for healing of the sick and we pray for the work of all involved in health service provision.

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
All for through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.
(Ephesians 2: 18)

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by the children of Bonsall Primary School

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

So may Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock in one sheepfold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and those you love,
today and always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Sung by the St Martin's Singers

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

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Hymn 'All my hope in God is founded' and 'The King of Love my shepherd is' performed by St Martin's Voices and directed by Andrew Earis.

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