

Sunday Worship for 27 June 2021
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
From Sunderland Minster
Petertide: Listening to God's Call

OPENING HYMN

Come Down, O Love divine

Sung by the Minster Choir

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco Da Siena, trans R.F. Littedale
Tune: Down Ampney

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Rev Canon Stuart Bain, Provost of Sunderland Minster

All We have gathered in this place and online to worship,
because Jesus invites us to come!

We come as we are,
with our faith and our doubts,
with our successes and our failures,
All **because Jesus invites us to come!**

We come with what we have,
bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,
All **because Jesus invites us to come!**

*Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

Matthew 11: 28-29

Let us worship God together.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

As we meet today in God's presence wherever we are are,
we are conscious that so many times we are deaf to God's call.

O God,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
All **Father, forgive us:**
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
**All Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
**All Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
**All Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
**All Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

COLLECT

For St Peter

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

GLORIA

The Minster Choir

Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the,
right hand of the Father,
Receive our prayer.

Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most,
High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

*Mass of St. Thomas
Music: David Thorne*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 12.1-11

Read in Farsi by an Iranian asylum seeker

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly!' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

REFLECTION

Zoe Heslop coming to faith in Lockdown

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-19

Read by Rev Chris Watson Minster Curate

Preceded by a Gospel Fanfare

Hear the gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 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. 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. 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.'

This is the gospel of Christ.

SERMON

Rev Canon Stuart Bain, Provost of Sunderland Minster

Including Faith stories by Lilian Jordan Reader in training & Rev Chris Watson Minster Curate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lead by Rev Chris Watson Minster Curate

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRAYERS

The Provost

TAIZÉ CHANT

Ubi Caritas

Sung by the Minster Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

(Where charity and love are found, God is there)

Music: The Taizé Community

INTERCESSIONS

Led by Rev Jacqui Tyson Minster Associate Priest

Response God of Love,
All **help us listen to your call.**

 God of all,
 Accept these prayers
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our saviour
 who call us on to new life in you.
All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by Brent Marriner (in Makaton)

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.

AFFIRMATION FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

The Provost

So today we remember that we are called to follow the way of Christ and listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to see where God may take us, where God may call us and to what God may call us.

Standing at the place of baptism. That call is heard at our baptism and even if it happened when we were a tiny baby God is calling us to follow Jesus. Discipleship, ministry, service flows from our baptism.

Today we affirm the presence of God among us,

God calls us to share in worship.
*Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

God calls us to share in prayer.
Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

God calls us to share the Scriptures.
*Jesus met his disciples on the road
and opened the Scriptures to them.*

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

God calls us to share in communion.
Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

God calls us to share in service.
Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

God calls us to share the Good News.
Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.

All Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

THE PEACE

The Provost

So let's remember that we are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
So let's pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Provost

And blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

So wherever we are, we go in peace
to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ.
All Amen.

HYMN

Will you come and follow me

Sung by the Minster Choir

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go
where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

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