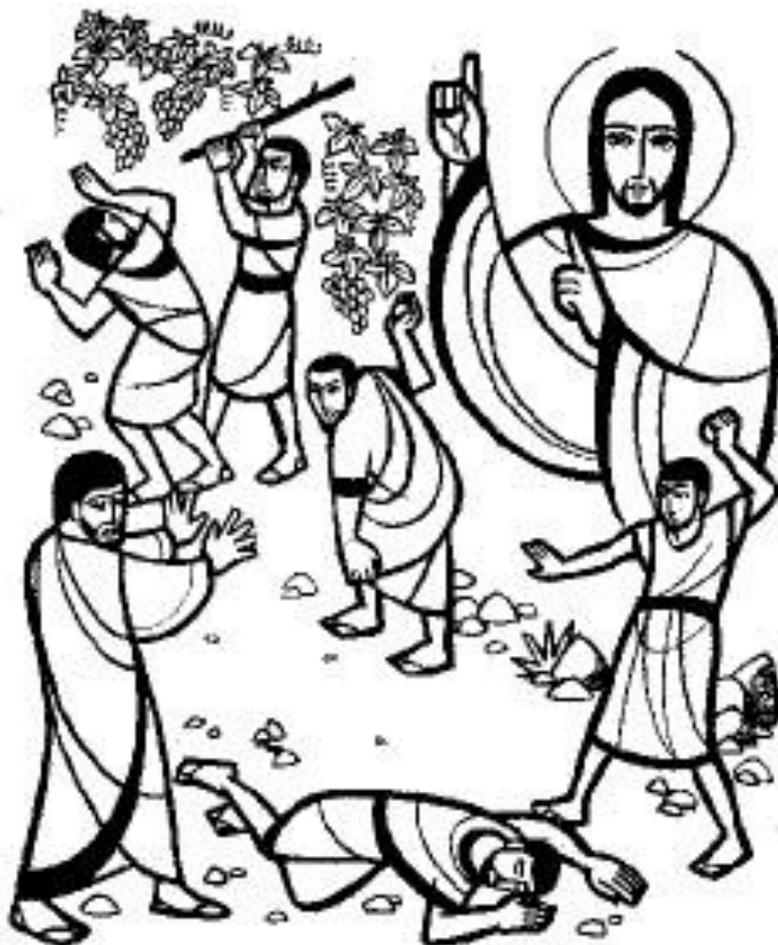


# Service for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



**St Laurence Church, Downton**

11 October 2020

# Preparation

## Call to Worship

In the midst of our busy lives,  
**God calls us to be with him.**

In the midst of our anxieties and fears.  
**God invites us to himself.**

God calls us and invites us.  
**Let us worship him.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Team Rector introduces the service*

Hymn: *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*  
(*Lincoln Minster School Chamber Choir*)

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
feed me now and evermore;  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*  
*English Translation by Peter Williams*

### Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
    he leads me beside still waters;  
    he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
    for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
    I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff -  
    they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
    in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
    my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
    my whole life long.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## Prayer:

God of love,  
you abide with us;  
you provide for all our needs  
and guide us in your ways.  
Out of gratitude for your care,  
we offer our gifts to you.  
Use them for your work of caring,  
that all may feast at the table of abundance,  
walk without fear,  
and drink deeply  
from the cup of compassion. **Amen.**

*Mary Petrina Boyd*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Readings:

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### *After each reading:*

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

### Reflection

Music: Ave Verum Corpus  
(Bob Chilcott - The Oxford Choir)

## *Prayers*

*We are led in a time of prayer*

*This response is used:*  
Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said:*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## *Conclusion*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing:

To him who is able to keep us from falling  
and to present us without blemish  
before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God, our Saviour  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,  
before all time and now and for ever;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

The Lord shall make good his purpose for us;  
his loving-kindness endures for ever.

*Psalm 138:8*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**