

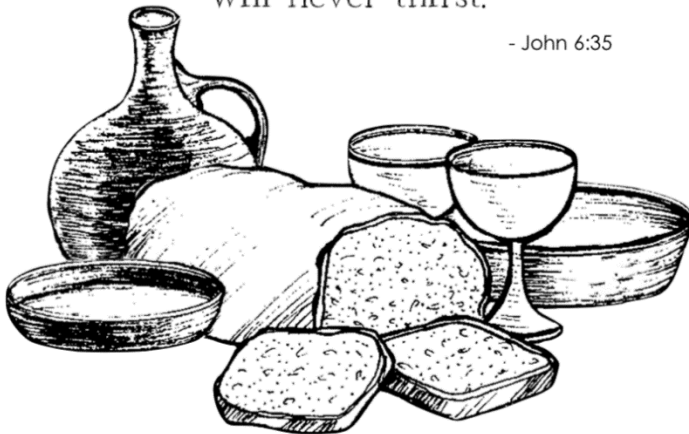
Service for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Jesus said to them,

I AM
THE BREAD
OF LIFE

he who comes to Me will not hunger,
and he who believes in Me
will never thirst.

- John 6:35



St Laurence Church, Downton

15 August 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

I am the living bread, says the Lord.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Just as the living Father sent me,
and I live because of the Father;

so whoever eats me will live because of me.

John 6

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: *All my hope on God is founded*

(the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields)

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 ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.

Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the 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.

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

Gathering:

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

**Give us the bread of hope
and compassion that we may also feed others.**

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters

Psalm 111:

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.**

**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 glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul
(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:

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Understand what the will of the Lord is;
and be filled with the Spirit. **Amen.**

Ephesians 5:17-18

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.