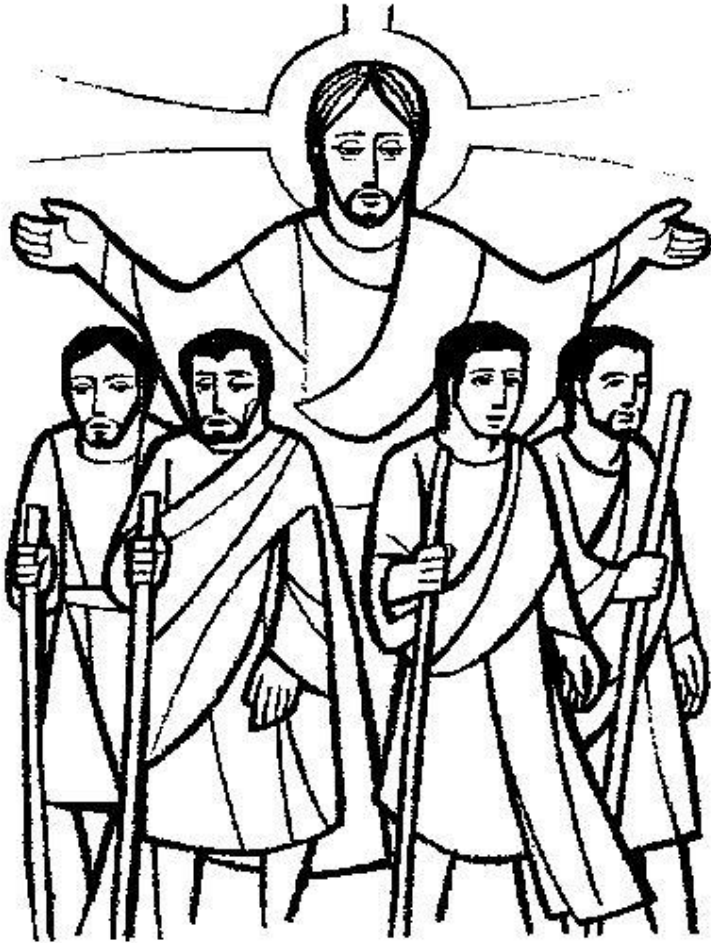


Service for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

4 July 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

To you, Lord, I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 123

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: Lord of all hopefulness
(St Martin's Voices)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Gathering:

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is with us
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Life in Liturgy

Prayer:

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,
who gives all good things seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Son, Saviour and Redeemer,
who died for our sins and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope,
God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,
who moves us to sing

"Our God reigns!"

In you alone we put our hope. **Amen.**

John Birch, Faith and Worship

Short Litany:

God, you search me and know me.
Before I sit, you know when I will rise.
God, you search me and know me.
Before I speak, you know what I will say.

God, you search me and know me,
in my joy and despair,
in my breathing in and breathing out.
God, you search me and know me.
Your knowledge is too deep to reach,
too vast to comprehend.

God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know our thoughts, our weaknesses,
our motivations, our sins.
And you love us still.
God, you search me and know me.
Search me, O God, and know my heart.

Adapted from Pentecost 2005

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

After each reading:

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

Reflection

Music: Sent by the Lord am I - arr. Weaver
(*St Martin's Voices*)

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer
which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry

they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Anyone who welcomes me, says the Lord
welcomes the one who sent me. **Amen.**

Luke 9:48

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.