

Service for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

13 September 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

We do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

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: Praise my soul, the King of heaven
(The Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress.
Praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Opening prayer

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.

Give us new hearts and constant wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

A Litany:

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are merciful and gracious, O Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You forgive all our iniquities
and heal all our diseases;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You redeem our lives from the pit
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You satisfy us with good
and renew our youth like the eagles;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Oratio Contemplativa, based on Psalm 103

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: O Saviour of the World
(Choir Of Clare College Cambridge)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord in your mercy,
Here 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 God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 peace of God go with you,
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

God has welcomed us.
We will be upheld,
for the Lord is able to make us stand.

Romans 14:3-4

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.