

# Service for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity



**St Laurence Church, Downton**

9 August 2020

# Preparation

## Call to Worship

We believe with the heart  
**and so are justified**

We confess with the mouth  
**and so are saved**

*Romans 10*

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: At the Name of Jesus

*(Marlborough College Chapel Choir)*

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
he is Christ the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord;  
ever to be worshipped trusted and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with the Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)*

### Prayer:

Lord, our God,  
where is there another God like you -  
a God of justice and unfailing love,  
who stands by every promise made to his people,  
generation after generation?  
There is no other. You alone are God.

And so we gather together to worship you:  
to give you thanks, to proclaim your greatness,  
to sing your praise, to seek your face,  
and to celebrate your faithful presence with us.

We pray that your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship.  
Open our mouths to speak your praise,  
open our ears to hear your Word,  
open our eyes to see you at work among us,  
open our hearts to receive your love.

We offer ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

*based on Psalm 105*

### A Time to Consider:

O God, may the faith within us get out,  
onto our lips, into our feet and hands, through our hearts.

May what we pray here now,

get past our inhibitions and into our actions this week.

May the passion for your Gospel  
burn within our hearts,  
so that we cannot be silent in the face of deception or injustice.

If old-fashioned ways of sharing faith do not ring true to us,  
then let us persist until we find ways to tell our story  
that reveal your presence in our lives.

Help us, God, to just get it out, not arrogantly,  
but as our humble confession of what we believe. Amen.

*Ann Siddall inspired by Romans 10*

### *Silence is kept*

Hear the good news of God's love for us;  
not in the earthquake, not in the storms,  
not in the mighty deeds  
but in the silence, in the gentle touch, in the quiet rain  
God says, again,  
"You are my Beloved. I love you."

*Katherine Hawker*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Readings:

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

### *After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Reflection

Music: *Gaude et Laetare (Rejoice and be glad)*  
(Oxford Choir)

# 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,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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:

Go now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for you.  
Be as one with each other in Christ.  
Wait for the Lord, and be ready to hear God's voice,  
even in the sounds of sheer silence.

May God be your fortress;  
May Christ Jesus release you from all that torments you;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you light and truth  
to sustain you day and night.

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**