

Service for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

18 July 2021

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: Immortal love, forever full (*St Martin's Voices*)

Immortal love, forever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, forever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Gathering:

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ
**members of God's family,
and brothers and sisters to one another.**

There are no outsiders here among us,
**we all belong to God
and no one has any special standing or rights.**

We have been brought together
by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let us join together in worship!

Christine Longhurst, based on Ephesians 2:11-22

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:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Ephesians 2:11-end

Mark 6:30-34,53-end

After each reading:

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

Reflection

Music: Now the God of peace - Gerald Knight
(*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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

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:

You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Let the same mind be in us
that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.