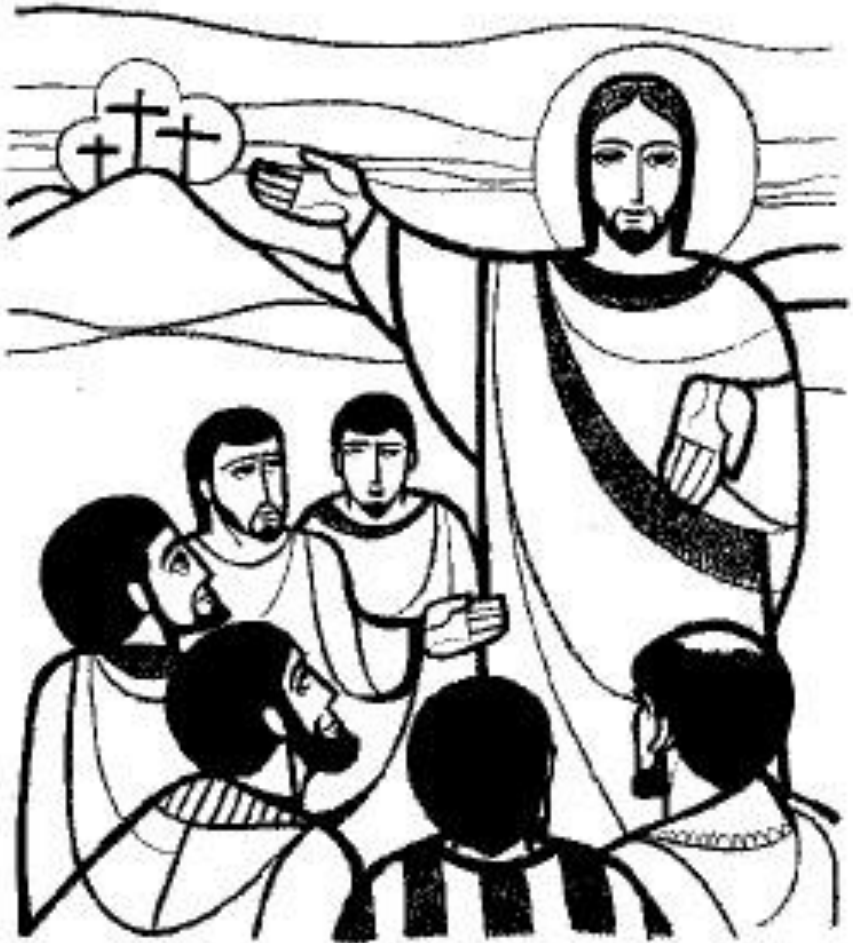


Service for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



St Laurence Church, Downton

30 August 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

Those who find their life
will lose it,

And those who lose their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 16:25

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: *The God of Abraham Praise*
(*The Choir of Norwich Cathedral*)

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of Love;
to him uplift you voice,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise and seek the joys
at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One
they all exulting stand;
and tell the wonders he hath done,
throughout their land:
the listening spheres attend,
and swell the growing fame;
and sing, in songs which never end,
the wondrous name.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

*Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)
based on the Hebrew Yigdal*

Prayer:

Loving God,
you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,
to take up our cross, and to follow you.
To find our lives,
may we live them in service of your mission.

As we come before you today,
give us open hearts and open hands.
Make us eager to hear your voice
and seek your guidance.

Open our minds to your ever-present Spirit
that is always moving within and around us.
Open our spirits to your nudging
and open our lives to your love.

A Time to Consider:

Jesus said: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. *Matthew 16:24*

Silence is kept

God, we humble ourselves now in confession:

**We want to be followers of Jesus,
but we do not always want to follow his ways.
At times we don't even listen to him.**

**We prefer to go our own way.
We are eager to put down our crosses.
We cling tightly to our lives.
We grasp at worldly rewards.**

**Holy and loving God,
forgive all of our thoughts and actions
that would protect us from the path of Christ.** *Joanna Harader*

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Romans 12:9-end

Matthew 16:21-end

After each reading:

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

Reflection

Music: Kyrie
(from 'Nidaros Jazz Mass')

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 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:

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.