

Morning Prayer
13th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity
(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence
as we come now to worship.
Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness,
penitence as we remember our sins,
and joy as we remember your love;
and enable us to lift up our hearts
in humble prayer and fervent praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Frank Colquhoun

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

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 Word of God

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour them,
and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.

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¹⁰ There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court
and detest the one who tells the truth.

¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain.
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your offences and how great your sins.
There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

"Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is^[e] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for growth within our own churches*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

I pray thee, merciful Jesus,
that, as thou hast graciously granted me
to drink down sweetly from the Word which tells of thee,
so wilt thou kindly grant that I may come at length to thee,
the fount of all wisdom,
and stand before thy face for ever. Amen.

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Let us stand firm, then,
and serve one another in love.
Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.

from Galatians 5

Let us go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:
Aldfield (Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;
Grewelthorpe (Harvest Family Holy Communion), Kirkby Malzeard (Morning Worship)
and Sawley (Holy Communion) at 10.30 am;
online Compline via Zoom at 8.30 pm.*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.