

**Morning Prayer**  
**6th October - 19th 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.

Father, we thank you for the gracious invitation and wonderful privilege of worshipping you, the living and true God.

Help us now to bring you all that we are;

to give you all that we can;

and to receive from you all that you long to give us as we worship.

In Jesus' name and the Spirit's power we pray. Amen.

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**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second reading: Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

<sup>3</sup> "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

<sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

<sup>5</sup> "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup> "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup> When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup> He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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 an easing of the recent wet weather*

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.

*Bede*

### Collect

O God,  
forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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:  
Mickley (BCP Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;  
Grewelthorpe (Family Service with Baptism) and Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion)  
at 10.30 am;  
Winksley (Harvest Thanksgiving) at 11.00 am, followed by lunch;  
Chapel of the Resurrection, Dallowgill (BCP Evening Prayer for Harvest) at 6.00 pm.*

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