

The Collect

**O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.**

Meditation before service

Deep in the heart of Christian faith is a sacred hunger. We learn through life that we are incomplete and don't seem able, ultimately, to heal ourselves. This means that we are prompted to look out of ourselves and invoke the One who creates, upholds and redeems our every moment, praying with longing that we might distil our defences and make space for God so that grace might do its work in and through us.

Mark Oakley

Isaiah 65.1–9

Old Testament reading

The word of the Lord through the prophet: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

- 19** Be not thou far from me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

Galatians 3.23–end

New Testament reading

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 8.26–39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’ — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Postcommunion Collect

**Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



19 June 2022 First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Rachel Watts
Reader	Anna Wilkinson
Intercessor	Liz Clarke
Organist	John Wardle

Setting	Nardone, <i>Mass of St Cedd</i>
Entrance hymn	679 In Christ there is no east or west
Reading (NT)	Galatians 3.23–end
Gradual hymn	592 As the deer pants for the water
The Gospel	Luke 8.26–39
Offertory hymn	630 Father, Lord of all creation
Recessional hymn	621 All for Jesus

Communion anthem **Byrd, *Ave verum corpus***
Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae; miserere mei.

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Anthony Morse
The departed: Denise Foster, Jo Harrison, Fran Britnell
Year's mind: Evelyn Kay Bearne, Dorothy Pugh, Pat Tunaley, Malcolm Dawson, Karen Young, Roy Collins, Arthur Wherton, Pauline Wilkes, Philip Hutton, Thomas Saunders

NOTICES

Lunchtime Concert The last concert of the term will be a guest recital by the group Latitude, playing music by Astor Piazzolla and others; 1.20 on Wednesday.

Come Rejoice! Our Saturday activity service for families and children will take place on Saturday **18 June** at 4 pm. All welcome.

Feast Day This Sunday **19 June** is Feast Day in Uppingham and also Father's Day. We will be offering some craft activities in the church between 1 and 5 pm as well as giving away freebies at a Come Rejoice stall in the High Street. If you would be willing to assist in the church for 30 mins or an hour, please sign the list at the back of church or let Debbie know: curateofuppingham@gmail.com. Thanking you in advance.

If you're coming by car, please leave extra time to find a parking space, as there will be no parking in the square.

Jam For Sale Margaret Stones has made another batch of her strawberry and gooseberry blended jam. If you fancy a jar or two, please contact her direct on 823626.

Next Sunday's Services Sunday Rejoice! at 10.45 am; Choral Evensong 6 pm.

