

Morning Prayer 30th August The 12th Sunday after Trinity

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"

Matthew 16:24



Opening Response

Jesus told his disciples, those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Let us deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow Him

Opening prayer

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

Silence is kept.

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. **All: Amen.**

Confession

Jesus, you call us to a faith that carries
the cross, embraces death, and lays
itself down for the sake of others;
**Forgive us for when instead we allow
our faith to become an escape
– a way to avoid the pain of being
human and alive;
or a path to success
– a way to persuade the universe to
give us the things we want;
or a system of control
– a way to bend others to our will
Help us to take a different path, that
we may be renewed in your image, to
follow in the light of faith, and serve
you in newness of life; Amen**

Absolution

Gradual Hymn

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your
arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the
shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's
strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Reading: Matthew 16:21-end

At end of reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Creed

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, as we affirm together:
We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

-- Philippians 2:5-11

Prayers

Intercessions

The response to: 'Lord hear us'
Is; **'Lord graciously hear us'**

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who went to the cross to forgive the sinful presumption that we will find life abundant by choosing to live for self. Teach us anew each day that life is found by following you in the way of the cross, that puts to death a life lived for self. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Notices

Hymn, lead by the Choir

Jesus Christ is risen today

Words on screen

Blessing & Dismissal

Go now and follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Rejoice in hope,

hold fast to what is good,

persevere in prayer.

Do not be overcome by evil,

but overcome evil with good.

As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.

And may God hear your cries and deliver you;

May Christ Jesus repay you with fullness of life;

And may the Holy Spirit be with you always

nourishing you in love and hope.

And may the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you all, evermore, **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ, Amen