

Morning Prayer

27th September 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Shine on us, Lord, like the sun that lights up day;
chase away the dark and all shadow of sin.

May we wake eager to hear your Word;
as day follows night may we be bathed in your glory.

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

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better,
and then just go on living the same way we always have.

Let this be the moment,
when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness,
so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope.

Join me as we pray,

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts.

We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.

We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.

Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

This is the good news:
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.

You are forgiven, you are made new.

We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.
Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

The Word of God

Matthew 21: 23-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Creed

**We believe in the God of Life
The world maker, the star lighter,
The sun shiner, the beauty maker;
Provoking creation from nothing but
words of love.
We believe in life.**

**We believe in the risen Jesus,
The cross bearer, the tomb breaker,
The hell-harrower, the death defier;
Embracing resurrection as the
first-born from death.
We believe in life.**

**We believe in the Easter Spirit,
The life-giver, the breath bringer,
The body lover, the church birther,
Enabling communion with Jesus the
Living One.
We believe in life.**

**We believe in the God of Life,
World-maker, cross bearer, life-giver
Trinity of hope leading creation to its
liberation.
We believe in God.**

Doug Gay

Prayers of Intercession

The response to: Lord in your Mercy
Is: Hear our Prayer

Intercessions conclude with:

**Merciful father, Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Notices

The Blessing

Go out from here as workers in God's
upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first
are last,
where needs are met in
miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the
coming days.

Amen.