

Morning Prayer 25th October 2020 20th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"
**We will listen to Jesus' words,
"Don't be afraid!"**

In a world that wants us to hate
the other...

**We will live Jesus' call to,
"Love God.
Love your neighbour,
as you love yourself."**

In a world that radicalizes...

**We, too, will be radical.
Radical with our hospitality.
Radical with our hope.
Radical with our love.**

Then come,
ready to be who we are called to be.

**Let us gather together
and worship God.**

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

**Almighty God, we confess that we
have taken Your commandments and
turned them into rules.
We have criticized those who have
fallen short and selfishly proclaimed
ourselves righteous.**

**We have failed to understand the
spirit of the commandments and the
Way that was shown by You to live,
loving God and loving our
neighbours.**

**Forgive us for turning Your law into
burdens for others and ourselves,
instead of a Way to love and
freedom in You.**

**In the name of Christ, who has given
us the Way and leads us on, we pray.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

You are loved. Love is the Way.
When you love God, you love others.
When you truly lay down your life for others,
you lay down your life for God.
Give yourself to God by serving others.
Know that in God's love there is forgiveness,
healing, and reconciliation. **Amen**

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory,
pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render,
O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor
of light hideth Thee.

Hymn

Chorus
A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.

The Word of God

Matthew 22: 34-end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Creed

Our God has created an abundant universe, Giving life to all, and graciously preserving all.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Saviour has made a way to abundant life, Giving His life for all, and compassionately inviting all to share in His Kingdom.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Comforter is poured out as the abundant Spirit, Bringing power and gifts to all, and leading all to fullness of life.

We believe and trust in God, Three in One; Generous and Loving, Faithful and Eternal. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land
of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

1. By this shall all know
that you are My disciples
If you have love
one for another (*X2 then Chorus*)
2. You are my friends if
you do what I command you.
Without my help
you can do nothing (*X2 - Chorus*)
3. I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me:
I will be with you (*X2 - Chorus*)
4. True Love is patient,
Not arrogant, nor boastful.
Love bears all things,
love is eternal (*X2 then Chorus*)

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.