

A Service of the Word

Sunday 19th October 2025 • The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Zoom: 9.50 Session opens 9.55 Gathering Music

10.00 Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

All: and also with you.

We have come together as the family of God...

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 828

1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

2. Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

3. Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Confession

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy
All: Christ, have mercy
All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Gloria (*said*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31. 27-34

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119. 97-104

Refrain: Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 3. 14 - 4. 5

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 383

1. Lord, thy word abideth, and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth light and joy receiveth.
2. When our foes are near us, then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation, message of salvation.
3. When the storms are o'er us, and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth, and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure, who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted to the simple-hearted?
5. Word of mercy, giving succour to the living;
word of life, supplying comfort to the dying.
6. O that we discerning its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee, evermore be near thee!

Gospel Reading please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 18. 1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Music for meditation

Homily The Vicar

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers using the response:

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prayerful Hymn 752

1. O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.
4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

The Lord's Prayer

Notices

The Peace

Hymn 715

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Music

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