

A Service of the Word

Sunday 17th August 2025 • The Ninth 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...

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

All: as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

A prayer for today

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 258

1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!
2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work,
and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.
4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23. 23-29

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalms 82

Refrain: Arise, O God, and judge the earth.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 238

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Gospel Reading please stand

Luke 12. 49-56

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Music for meditation

Reflection *'Set our hearts on fire'*

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:

Holy and Strong One: **help us to keep our eyes fixed on you**

Prayerful Hymn 358

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Notices

Peace

Hymn 719

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me.
Chorus
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me.
Chorus

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Music

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