

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton
Third Sunday after Trinity – 28/06/20



A service of the Word

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You are invited to join with the words in **bold**.



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We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**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

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

(Jeremiah 28:5-9 - NRSV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ♦
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

“Your seed will I establish for ever ♦
and build up your throne for all generations.”

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦
and are exalted in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, ♦
and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield; ♦
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

(Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 - Common Worship Psalter)

Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:12-23 - NRSV)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our heart, O Lord,
To accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

(Matthew 10:40-42 - NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the following response may be used:

I give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.
I will glorify your name for ever.

The intercessions conclude with:

The Lord's Prayer

Seeking the salvation of the world, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

May God keep us in all our days.
May Christ shield us in all our ways.
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us
and pour upon us blessing and light.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

You may have heard the Prime Minister announcing that churches will be open for worship from 4th July. Unfortunately, we are not currently in a position that would allow us to open safely. We are awaiting further guidance from the Diocese and the Church of England.

Nic will soon be leaving Holy Sepulchre as he will be entering training for the ordained ministry. Because of this today's service will be the last online service for the foreseeable future. We hope to have something arranged soon that will enable worship to continue until we are able to physically gather.

Please follow our social media accounts for updates about online worship and when we are likely to be able to safely open our buildings.

A list of online services from around the Diocese of Peterborough may be found at www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/coronavirus/online-church-services-across-the-diocese-of-peterborough