



# Service Of The Word 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The service is Led by David

Joan will read

Sue will pray

David will offer a reflection

## Words of explanation and The Notices

### **Opening Hymn**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

### **Welcome**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Collect**

#### **Invitation to confession**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

## **Words of confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

## **Absolution**

### **Reading from the New Testament: Matthew Ch 13 v 31-35**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

<sup>34</sup> Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:

'I will open my mouth to speak in parables;  
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'

following the reading:                      **This is the word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **A Reflection:**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayers

ending with:

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

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 Offertory

### Praise and Thanksgiving

There are varieties of gifts,

**but the same Spirit.**

There are varieties of service,

**but the same Lord.**

There are different kinds of working,

**but the same God is at work in all.**

## The Peace

## **The final hymn**

Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
No cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
Your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
Whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

## **Closing Prayer**

Creator God,  
you give seed for us to sow,  
and bread for us to eat;  
make us thankful for what we have received  
and generous in supplying the needs of others  
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Blessing**