

The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, Knightley & High Offley, Moreton and Norbury

Sunday 6th September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to God, whom we worship today. Amen

Lord, awaken us to your glory. Open our eyes to your presence; open our ears to your call.

Open our hearts to your love, that we may proclaim that you are among us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Yet, still we make our confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts in confidence of His love and forgiveness.

For not loving you with all our heart:

Forgive us and make us whole

For not loving our neighbour as ourselves:

Forgive us and make us whole

For the times we forget you and rely on our own strength

Forgive us and make us whole

For being less than you created us to be:

Forgive us and make us whole

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins; heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,

that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,

for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit

give praise and dominion, honour and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 118

God is good! Give thanks all you people; his faithful love endures forever. Whom shall I fear if God is on my side?

He heard my cry and set me free: though enemies swarmed around me on every side, God gave me the victory; the rejected one became the cornerstone.

The Lord is my strength and song; in him alone I take refuge.

Give thanks: praise him in the sanctuary, praise him in your hearts; praise him always. His faithful love endures forever.

1st Reading: Romans 13:8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS

We bring our prayers using the response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you: **and also with you.**

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Creator of abundance, Spirit of wisdom, may you use the gifts of the church and the gifts of our lives that your kingdom may come and your will be done through Christ, Lord of extravagant love. **Amen**

CONCLUSION

**Spirit of truth, fill our minds. Spirit of Christ, fill our hearts. Spirit of power and holiness, revive your church. Spirit of love, bind us together in Christian fellowship.
Spirit of justice and peace, lead all nations into your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Amen**

May we go forward through the change and chance of time with the light of eternity in our eyes, the inspiration of truth in our minds, the song of the gospel in our hearts and the strength of well-doing in our hands. But above all, may we go forward with Christ by our side; the way, the truth and the life. **Amen**

BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen