

**St Luke's Church, Dunham-on-the-Hill**  
**10-minute worship**



**27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; **let us pray with one heart and mind.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, **so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen**

### **Psalm 25: 1-9**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

## **Matthew 21:28-32**

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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.**

*The collect for the 16th Sunday after Trinity*

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray to God for the needs of the world.

Heavenly Father, who offers forgiveness and love to everyone who turns back and seeks to live a new life, we pray for all those who have done wrong and wish to make amends. For those who have been convicted in our courts; for those who have hurt their families and friends; for those whose wrongdoing is known to them alone. Grant them assurance that nothing that they have done in the past is able to separate them from your love and acceptance.

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

Christ our example, who called from the cross for forgiveness for his torturers, guide those who have the responsibility for balancing justice and mercy, protection and rehabilitation: for judges, law-makers, probation officers and social workers. May we, as a society, never be so obsessed with protecting the innocent that we are unable to offer any way back for the penitent.

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

Holy Spirit, who gives us strength and courage to live our lives in accordance with your will, guide each of us in the decisions that we will make in this coming week. When we make mistakes, help us to try again. When we get it right, encourage us to keep on going. When we are unsure, remind us that there will always be another chance.

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

**AMEN.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Words to hymns

- 1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.
  
- 2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.
  
- 3 And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.
  
- 4 Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

*Isaac Williams (1802-1865)*

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.
  
- 2 Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim,  
stepping fearless through the night.

- 3 One the light of God's own presence  
o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
brightening all the path we tread;
- 4 One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires:
- 5 One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love for evermore.

*Igjennem Nat og Traengsel  
Bernhardt Severin Ingemann (1789-1862)  
tr Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

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