

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 31 JULY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

HYMN 765

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
 all ye who hear,
 now to his temple draw near,
 joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth: hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee: ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if to the end he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again:
 gladly for aye we adore him!

GREETING

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ... ¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 49:1-9

O hear this / all you / peoples: give ear all you in-/-habit-ants / of the / world,

All children of men and / sons of / Adam: both / rich and / poor a-/-like.

For my mouth shall / speak / wisdom: and the thoughts of my heart shall be / full of / under-/-standing.

I will incline my / ear · to a / riddle: and unfold the mystery to the / sounds / of the / harp.

Why should I fear in the / evil / days: when the wickedness of / my de-/-ceivers · sur-/-rounds me,

Though they trust to their / great / wealth: and boast of the a-/-bundance / of their / riches?

No man may / ransom · his / brother: or give / God a / price / for him,

So that he may / live for / ever: and / never / see the / grave;

For to ransom men's / lives · is so / costly: that he must a-/-bandon / it for / ever.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end./ A-/-men.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

GRADUAL HYMN 631

- 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek his face; life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear;

only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

SILENCE

INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

PEACE

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 648

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; now fulfil thy Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
- Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.
- Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christlike graces in the fight till all be free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not earth nor thee.

NOTICES

PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water through your word. refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 GRACE

We say together:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

HYMN 610

1 Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, the daystar clear and bright of every man and nation; new life, new hope awakes, where peoples own his sway;

- freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
- In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord, lands shall forsake their fear, To ploughshare bear the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.
- One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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