
8AM SERVICE SHEET

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 4 October 2020

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3.13b-14

HYMN – TIS 202

I know that my Redeemer
lives crowned upon the throne;
Lord over earth and heaven
he saves, and he alone;
he conquered death by dying
upon the accursed tree,
and from his death sprang glorious
eternal life for me.

I think upon my Saviour,
I trust his power to keep,
his mighty arm enfolds me
awaking and in sleep.
Christ is my rock, my courage;
Christ is my soul's true life;
and Christ (my still heart knows it)
will bear me through the strife.

In Jesus' name I'm living;
in Jesus' name I'll die;
I'll fear not though life's vigour
from death's cold shadow fly.
O grave, where is your triumph?
O death, where is your sting?
Come when you will, and welcome!
secure in Christ I sing.

*Hallgrim Pjetursson
tr. Charles Venn Pilcher*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the
builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief
cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in
us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3.4b-14

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to
Matthew 21.33-46

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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The prayers conclude:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: TIS 628

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

**Christ, our star, our map, our road
to the Father's high abode.**

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

**Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ our rescue when we stray.**

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

**Christ our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end.**

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

**Christ, our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord.**

*In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.*

*Words: James Phillip McAuley
Music: Richard Connolly*

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour
Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit
was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his
people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has
commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sin of the whole world.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of
Christ. We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the
body and blood of Christ in remembrance
that he died for us, and feed on him in our
hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

May the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you forever.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with
courage in the power of your Spirit.

NOTICES

HYMN – TIS 687

God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday.
For God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

*Words: Elizabeth J. Smith.
Music: John Michael Brierley*

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all
understanding keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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