



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 9 August 2020

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

MORNING WORSHIP

Officiant: The Revd Paul Smith

The Officiant gives any Notices and Welcomes the congregation

Welcome

Please stand:

The officiant says:

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

Please sit or kneel for

The Confession

Let us call to mind the times when we have failed to follow Christ, and love our neighbour:

A moment of silence is kept:

Lord Jesus, we have failed to follow in the way of the cross:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we have failed to love our neighbour as ourselves:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we have failed to be faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Promise of Forgiveness

May the Father forgive *you*

By the death of his Son

And strengthen *you*

To live in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

We say together

The Prayer for today

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

For the gift of the Word:

Thanks be to God

Psalm said antiphonally:

Psalm 85.8-13

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, 
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,** 
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together, 
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth** 
and righteousness look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, 
and our land will yield its increase.

13 **Righteousness shall go before him** 
and direct his steps in the way.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

For the gift of the Word:

Thanks be to God

Have faith in God, my heart

*Please remain seated as we meditate on the words below
(with piano accompaniment – but please DO NOT SING)*

Have faith in God, my heart,
Trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
Each promise he has made.

Lord Jesus, make me whole;
Grant me no resting place,
Until I rest, heart, mind, and soul,
The captive of thy grace.

Bryn Rees (1911–1983)

SERMON

Please stand for

Affirmation of Faith

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

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?

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?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We sit or kneel for

The Prayers

At the end of each bidding when the leader says: Lord in your mercy,
*we respond: **Hear our prayer***

At the end of the prayers we say the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

*Please remain seated as we meditate on the words below
(with piano accompaniment – but please DO NOT SING)*

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.
Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

James Seddon (1915 - 1983)

Please stand for

The Blessing

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