



*St* **NICOLAS' CHURCH**  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Morning Prayer**



**Led by: The Revd Paul Smith**

**4 July 2021**



**The Officiant gives any Notices and Welcomes the congregation**

*Please stand:*

*The officiant says*

**A sentence from Scripture**

*Please sit as we listen to*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**CP 435**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!

He, whose Word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus they march, the pillar leading  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Daily on the manna feeding  
Which He gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name;  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

*John Newton (1725 – 1807)*  
*Isaiah 33: 20 -21*

*The Minister issues the*

### **Invitation to Confession**

Dearly beloved brethren,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess  
our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble  
nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient  
heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his  
infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times  
humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most  
chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render  
thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set  
forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask  
those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as  
the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here  
present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto  
the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*Please sit or kneel for*

### **The Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own  
hearts,  
We have offended against thy holy laws,  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
And there is no health in us:**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,  
Restore thou them that are penitent,  
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our  
Lord:  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

*Remain sitting or kneeling for*

**The Absolution**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit

**Amen**

O Lord, open thou our lips.

**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Please stand*

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. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

*We say together*

**The Psalm for the Day**

**Psalm 123**

1. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.
3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4. Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

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. Amen.

*Please sit for*

**First Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Please stand to say*

**The Venite**

**O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
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.  
Amen.**

*Please sit for*

**Second Lesson  
Mark 6: 1 - 13**

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Please stand to say*

***The Apostles Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer & Responses**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive  
them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But  
deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### The Collect for the Day

*Please remain seated as we listen to*

**Father hear the prayer we offer**  
(CP 416)

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
Not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength, that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
Do we ask our way to be;  
But the steep and rugged pathway  
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not forever by still waters  
Would we idly rest and stay;  
But would smite the living fountains  
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
In our wanderings be our Guide;  
Through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

*Love Maria Willis (1824 – 1908)*

### The Sermon

## The Intercessions

*Please remain seated as we listen to*

**Thy hand, O God, has guided**

CP 606 (omitting v3)

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one faith, one Lord  
Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely,  
To guard the nation's life.

Their Gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

*E H Plumptre (1821 – 1891)*

*Please stand for*

**The Blessing**

**Please take this Service Booklet home with you  
After the Service, please observe social distancing.  
Please leave the building as soon as possible,  
sharing conversation and fellowship outside.**

**Thank you**

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