

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity October 18th 2020



A Service for all the Church Family

The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to readers, hymns and music etc. (This can be activated directly from the document sent to you by email, or on the internet at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/>) and used as normal or 'save' the service document, open it afresh and the links can be activated with the service sheet remaining in place). Alternatively, you can open two browsers on your screen, one to keep the service sheet visible and the other to activate the links. (To view this service playlist, click below, come back to this sheet for the readings and the prayers for today)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6l0n_prE9pTA3i0sWhMQD7TuQqZ6809J

Hymn 1: From the Sun's Rising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S-fEczBfy8>

We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering to worship God

Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome to our all age this Trinity 19 Sunday Service.

Opening Prayer

All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn 2: For all the saints

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y-yvL2P_FY&t=28s

Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Saying sorry to God

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

God's forgiveness.

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,

heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,

and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Praise

Blessed is the Lord

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song we will praise our God.

Hymn 3: God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHcyrLTayOM>

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Readings

The first reading is from Acts 16.6–12a

https://youtu.be/f_pVhze1uqU

Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia

⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Lydia's Conversion in Philippi

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The second reading is from 2 Timothy 4.5–17

https://youtu.be/bz1DXrr1S_Y

⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Personal Remarks

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The third reading is from Luke 10.1–9

<https://youtu.be/A4EsiNd8Zu0>

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Sermon: By Rev Steven Poss

The Gospel reading is from Matthew 22.15–22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

It is important that the context is explained with our readings today, as with all Bible readings. At the time of the Gospel reading from Matthew, the Roman empire had taken over occupation of Israel and the people were required to pay taxes to Caesar, but only pay taxes, these were only used for Roman empire purposes. So it's not like today, where we often see what is spent by our taxes such as the NHS, roads, emergency services, waste collection, etc.

Not only Cesar collected these taxes, as Roman emperor, he expected people to worship him, as a god and this is where the people of faith, including Thessalonians in our second reading and the Jewish people would only subject worship to the one true God alone.

In the Gospel passage, the Pharisees, a strict religious group from Judaism take along another group to see if they can entrap Jesus. This group, the Herodians, were of opposite persuasion to that of the Pharisees. Where the Pharisees detested paying taxes to Caesar, the Herodians were in support of him, as they wanted to protect their territory, which King Herod was in charge of. The Pharisees were also very angry because in the previous chapter of Matthew 21, Jesus publicly embarrasses them by showing them their inner hypocrisy and lack of fruitfulness as God's chosen people.

Here are the reasons why these groups wanted to entrap Jesus and even further, they wanted him dead and trap Jesus, by whatever answer he gives, would enrage either side of the groups. Jesus shows his divine being by knowing what they are up to and gives the great answer:-

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Here Jesus shows us the true glory of God showing itself on earth, like in our reading from Exodus, showing non-violent element of the Kingdom of God which he came to bring. Like in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus would not support using a sword or result to violence in any argument. This is a lesson for us too, no matter how enraged we can become, that to submit to the non-violence of the Kingdom of God in our lives. We would also be obeying Government laws which Jesus seems to support in giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s. Jesus also shows great mercy and kindness to these groups, who, I’m sure could have refused to engage with after their petty behaviour, but shows us the great kindness and mercy of God and his Kingdom. Finally, Jesus shows us and acknowledges the sovereignty of God, by saying give to God the things that are God’s.

This is the rightful worship which he deserves in our lives and the gifts, both monetary and our talents to his Kingdom of God, which is the true Kingdom of love, justice, mercy and peace. May we, like the Church in Thessalonica who Paul is writing too and in these challenging times, be faithful Christian people of the Kingdom of God in our lives and show the same qualities and actions that Jesus does in our Gospel today, Amen.

Hymn 4: Beauty for Brokenness (God of the Poor)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kVHKuldZyw>

Affirmation of Faith

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

All 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?

All 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Prayers of Intercession by Cassandra Rollett-May

Heavenly Father, as we join together in prayer, we thank you for the many mediums available to us to praise you and unite as one, even when we cannot physically kneel, in prayer, side by side. We thank you for the blessings of this week, whether they be large or small. We are grateful for the sunshine and the rain and are gladdened by our Harvest time.

In these uncertain times Lord, we take a moment to thank you for what we do have, the freedoms we are still able to take for granted, so at this time, Lord, we think of all those who are persecuted for their faith and we pray for them to have courage and be filled with your peace.

Almighty God, we ask you to be with all those that serve your church, be with our bishops and archbishops. We pray for your blessings and guidance for Steven our Vicar and all those that serve in our church communities.

We pray this week for Amanda, Karen, Vickie, Jas, Elaine and Jon from St Lawrence Church who are being Confirmed this Sunday.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord, thank you for those who seek to serve, we ask that you bless and guide our Queen and give wisdom to all in authority, be with them and direct their steps as they make decisions about our welfare, aid them in making equality, peace and justice attainable for all.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, we lift up our joint benefice communities to you and think of our wider district. May we find peace in these new and challenging times, holding dear the commandment of loving thy neighbour, give us grace and keep us humble, help us to know how to serve, give us grateful hearts.

We hold in your presence all those who are being cared for in these parishes, whether they be ill in body, mind or spirit - we ask for healing and peace. We thank you for the care and dedication of the families and staff that care for them, we pray for their strength and faith.

We name before you all those with particular needs who have asked for our prayers, especially ...

Silvia Chapman; Clive Bennett; Jean Winn; Carole Faulkner; Jean Webber; Margaret Cowell; Andrew Jackson; Beryl Dixon; Cally Thorpe; Josh Pitman; Sue Wilson; and Andy Smith.

May they know your presence is with them and that you are their strength, their healing and their salvation.

We think especially of those suffering from the effects of the coronavirus, we ask for healing, strength and hope. For those who have lost their lives to the virus we ask that you be with their families, may they feel your presence, your love and your guidance.

We pray for all those in roles of care from doctors and nurses, care staff and all those who support the medical and care needs locally, nationally and globally - give them fortitude, guidance and hope.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, we thank you that we do not have to fear conflict and war in our region, our hearts go out to those countries where there is conflict, we also think of those areas where there is famine, devastation and poverty. Lord be in those situations, be with those who seek to serve and help.

For those experiencing homelessness, loss and desperation, Lord be their guiding light, help them to know you and feel your presence, we pray that there will be hope in their situations.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty Father, we praise your name, we live under your light, we hold your love in our hearts, as we go through the week ahead may we find opportunities to share this with others and see hope in the future.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Concluding prayer of the people

**Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation;
because you care for us and for our prayer.**

**May our love for you and our likeness to you
be strengthened every time we pray.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.**

Going out to serve God

Hymn 5: Lord we come to ask Your healing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbbcjEsiwb8>

This prayer may be said

A blessing on the season of growth,

A blessing on all that is done:

The blessing of the fertile Creator,

The blessing of the virile Son,

The blessing of the Spirit, sustaining,

May God and the earth be one.

All Amen.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,

here and everywhere,

now and for ever.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing: An Irish blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hw-Z2Vfskvo>

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Notices

1. **Online Services** will continue for those wanting to continue worshipping at home.
2. USPG's Disease Pandemics and Innovations in Care webinar
<https://vimeo.com/466829851>
3. Online Services from Temple Church celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Veirne at 7pm on Sunday's 18 & 25 October and 1, 8, 15 & 22 November
<https://www.youtube.com/rogersayerorganist>
4. Bible Study – Ezekiel Chapters 13 and 14 – Thursday 22 October – 7.30pm-9pm. Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Bible Study - Ezekiel Chapters 13 and 14

Time: Oct 22, 2020 07:30 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77496826470?pwd=NCtpMDI4Ui9qZHdPR0Y2dVkyS3ZsZz09>

Meeting ID: 774 9682 6470

Passcode: U3Nbvj

5. Sunday spiritual communion Zoom services at 9:00 am can be accessed as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7125613716?pwd=QlItTmVoQXBTVjVadEhwV080ZGMrUT09>

Meeting ID: 712 561 3716

Passcode: 366985