Welcome to this 6th Sunday after Trinity Proper 11 Communion Service



The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to Revd Steven, the hymns, music etc

**Instructions:** <u>Click on the links in blue</u> to activate hymns and films as you read through the service. If an Error message comes up just wait and the link will start.

All the links on this online **service** can be seen on one playlist see: <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-</u> <u>v3HHJgZACw0AN2I1X22OQIJJzDMUpnT</u>

For the Zoom service, the Chapel service and the live service see notices at the end of this service sheet.

## Welcome

Welcome our 18<sup>th</sup> week of online services.

Hymn 1 Abba Father

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXWvS1trWpM

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

## and also with you.

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

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *us*, pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,

confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and keep *us* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7C4DvKOgfE

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

## The Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

#### Reading 1 by Revd Brigid Main https://youtu.be/maT3RYMcZ7o

#### Jacob's Dream at Bethel

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lav down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to vour offspring: <sup>14</sup> and vour offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south: and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place-and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first

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

## Hymn. Go forth and tell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNyDd9qtuk0

## Reading 2 by Julian May https://youtu.be/1r\_uK39ub8Y

## Romans 8:12-25 Life in the Spirit

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## **Future Glory**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes<sup>[e]</sup> for what

is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience

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

Hymn 74 Blessed assurance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuyf1YQvcwY

Gospel Reading by Moria Mee <a href="https://youtu.be/xnz4tZLSqek">https://youtu.be/xnz4tZLSqek</a>

Matthew 13:24-30 The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

Matthew 13:36-43 Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup> He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and

the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears<sup>[a</sup> listen!

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

Hymn: Come ye thankful people come <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3n7IUCdqAM&pbjreload=</u> <u>101</u>

Sermon by Revd Steven Poss

Trinity 6 – Proper 11

Sunday 19th July 2020

Genesis 28 : 10-19a - Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Romans 8: 12-25 - Life in the Spirit

Matthew 13 : 24-30; 36-43 - The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat



Sermon - Future Glory

<sup>18</sup> "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."

Our scriptures this week point us to the future hope and glory that our God and saviour prepares for us, who put our faith and trust in him.

This wonderful verse in Romans 8:18 is very timely for us as we have undergone suffering over the past few months, where our joy in our worship and lives, have been taken away due to Covid-19. That said, like in previous challenges for people over generation and generation, we turn to God who is the one to help us through such challenges by giving us grace, hope and strength to overcome them.

This passage from Romans, teaches us by the Holy Spirit, to put to death those deeds in our lives that lead to sin and to be led by this Spirit to draw closer to God who is our Heavenly Father. This Spirit helps us understand that we are therefore children of God and that a future glory awaits from us that is greater than we can think of.

We also hear of one of St Paul's favourite linkages: between freedom and being children of God (and therefore Christ's brothers and sisters). Adoption as children of God is a central image of salvation for Paul together with justification. The freedom that comes as children of God is a freedom of sin in our lives to worship and serve God being led by the Spirit. Paul is also rarely more explicitly Trinitarian than he is in this passage. When we call out to God as Father, then the Spirit is testifying to us that we are joint heirs and therefore brothers and sisters of Christ. All this happens when we pray.

This future glory is spoken by Jesus in our parable of the weeds among the wheat, where the children of God will one day shine like the sun in the kingdom of God, once the weeds have been separated from the wheat at a time of judgement. But as this future glory gives us true hope and true eternal life with God, we continue in our Christian lives here on earth under the guidance of our Abba and Heavenly Father to sow good seed of God's word. The collect says that this place of future glory exceeds everything beyond our desires which is a great picture for us to have in mind during these times.

This parable wrestles with the problem of why evil is so persistent in a world that is supposed to be the kingdom of God. It has normally been explained as applying to the church, in which true and false believers coexist until the final judgement. But this will not do. For one thing. the problem of normal Christianity did not yet exist, and for another we are explicitly told that 'the field is the world' verse 38. David Wenham in his book - The Parables of Jesus – is surely right in seeing that the field rightfully belongs to the Sower - verse 24 - who sows in it 'sons of the kingdom' - verse 38. But the evil one encroaches on it, and 'the sons of the evil one - verse 38 - have to be weeded out of the kingdom in due course – verse 41. Yes, the world belongs properly to God as King, and the kingdom movement that Jesus is initiating is the restoration of that rule.

Four things are said about those who belong to the kingdom. They are the seed sown by the sower in verse 37. They owe their position in the kingdom of God

entirely to his initiative. Secondly, they have God as their Father – verse 43. Membership of the kingdom means adoption into the very family of God. Thirdly, they are called righteous in verse 43, not only right in relationship to God but righteous in behaviour among their fellows. Fourthly, they will one day shine like the sun in verse 43. The glory of the Lord, so often presaged in the Old Testament, will be reflected in and from them.

By way of contrast, the sons of the evil one are described in three ways. They are seed sown by the devil. The prince of this world has claimed their allegiance. They do evil, or more literally, lawlessness. They are rebels against God's kingly rule. And their destiny is ultimately destruction. All this is very unacceptable to people today: we do not treat evil with great seriousness, and many do not believe in a future life, a heaven and hell where the great separation will be finalised. But it is an undeniable part of the teaching of Jesus. Are we going to claim to know more about it than he?

Therefore, I think there are 5 points we can take from this parable.

- We are to be aware of a power that is seeking to sow evil in our lives. False teaching Paul warns. Paul's advice to divided communities is to unite.
- 2. It is hard to distinguish this evil when it is tied together with good.
- It teaches us not to be so quick with our judgements, we need to look at the whole person and their whole life.
- 4. Judgement comes in the end, so we can let go of taking revenge ourselves.

5. Only God can judge because it is only he who can discern the good and the bad and who sees all.

(Sources - Matthew - Barclay & Green)

## Amen.

**Hymn** At the name of Jesus <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI2rKRCWmOU&pbjreloa</u> <u>d=101</u>

## Profession of faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

Song: Happy Are They, They That Love God



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zckq2QqbzDo&pbjreload= 101

# **Prayers of Intercession**

# Intercessions: by Sue Hanson

Prayers of Intercession - 6th Sunday of Trinity

Let us pray to our God, who is all compassion, for the light to know his will and the grace to obey it.

Lord, again and again you renew your promise, putting new heart and spirit within us. You demand no unthinking obedience, no loyalty blind and correct. You do not try to control us, but instead seek the pledge of our wills and our hearts, freely given in love for you. You have bound yourself to us, and we belong inextricably to you and to each other. Keep us giving and receiving your presence among us, protecting those who are weak and in need, our trust deepening through sacraments of love.

We give thanks that you have called us to work for you. We ask your blessing on the Church where it is working among the oppressed and rejected peoples of our world. Give the people of your Church the strength to stand against evil and work to the good of all.

We think especially at this moment of His Grace, the Archbishop of York, the Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell as he takes on the challenges of his new position. We thank him for being our Bishop here in the Diocese of Chelmsford for the last 10 years and Lord, we ask that You give him strength.

Lord, in your mercy

# All: Hear our prayer

Lord, we have rejoiced at the sight of the sun breaking through the clouds for an instant to illuminate a small field. We have gazed in wonder at the ocean and the lofty mountains. In those moments, we have glimpsed a sight of your face, and then the mundane concerns of the everyday world resurface and we forget the glories of these treasures. Help us to live in the moment. Help us never to forget these times when we are filled with awe at the marvels of your creation, lost in wonder, love and praise.

We pray for all those who are working to stop the pollution of our air, land and sea; all who work to protect the harvests of the world, especially those who care for the rain forests.

We pray for all who are striving for justice, and for the welfare of all peoples.

We pray for our sovereign Queen Elizabeth that she may continue to know your peace and support. We pray also for the leaders of our country, especially during this time of upheaval because of the Coronavirus. Help them all to do what is right for our country so that we can recover and rejoice once again in good health and prosperity.

Lord, in your mercy

## All: Hear our prayer

Lord, help us to see the miraculous in the everyday things that surround us. Give us the insight to see the face of your Son in everyone with whom we come into contact. Let us embrace one another, choosing in friendship to share ourselves with others. We give thanks for our families and our homes and ask you to bless and protect us.

We remember all those who are less fortunate than ourselves; those who live on the streets, in slums or refugee camps throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy

# All: Hear our prayer

Lord, give us, and all who are in pain, courage today. Courage that we may think about something other than the distress that we may feel. Courage that we may not dwell on a future which we fear may be bleak. Courage to put ourselves in the place of those around us and spare them the misery of watching the suffering of those whom they love. Give all who suffer, the strength to look outwards, rather than inwards. May your eternal spirit flood our souls and bodies, filling every corner with light and grace; so that we may be diffusers of life, meeting all ills and giving you thanks always for all things.

We pray for the victims of crime, violence and abuse; all whose minds are scarred because of having suffered at the hands of others and we ask your blessing on households where one member may have gone astray that they may all be drawn back into your loving arms.

Lord, in your mercy

# All: Hear our prayer

We know you to be a loving and forgiving God; we know that,

in you, we can be healed, restored and renewed.

We ask for your healing hand on:

Josh Pitman Ryan Smith Diane Lystor Eddie Foster Ann Cowell Sue Wilson Beryl Dixon

Lord in your mercy **All hear our prayer** 

We ask you to bless all those who have departed from this earthy life and are now with you and your Son in heaven, that they may know and rejoice in your love.

Lord, we thank you for all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire. Lord, we thank you for all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them. And we thank you for your promise that death shall have no more dominion.

**Cyril John Perrin** who sadly passed away at the end of June. Cyril lived in Tillingham for 10 years from the age of 2 to 12 and attended the village school and went to St Nicholas Church on Sundays. Prayers for his family and friends.

**Norman Sharps** who sadly died recently and was interred into the Remembrance Garden on Saturday 18 July. Prayers for his family and friends.

Sally Alden we pray for her family and friends at this time.

We commit ourselves and all of creation to your saving power and love.

Merciful Father,

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

Hymn 760 You are beautiful beyond description

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWjMjT9fYA8

## Revd Steven link; https://youtu.be/OwODmy8sIBA

#### The Peace

May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you, wherever He may take you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing in the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

The Peace of our Lord be with you

## All And also with you.

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.** 

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:** his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:** his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

# As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.



With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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. 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.

## Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

## **Giving of Communion**

The president and people receive communion. Prayer after communion

> We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

## Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Amen.

## **Dismissal**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## We go, giving thanks to God

Revd Steven link ends

Final Hymn O Thou Who Camest From Above

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3UYybc7Xa0

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## Music: When A Knight Won His Spurs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re0K9KMTi3M

#### Notes:

(To view the full playlist, click below, come back to this sheet for the readings and the prayers for today)

## Notices

Communion Services will now be taking place once a week within the joint benefice, this Sunday it will be at St Thomas' and next Sunday St James Church Dengie.

Live Zoom communions will take place each Sunday at 9am, the link will be on this service sheet each week. A Communion Service sheet is available to print out to follow these Zoom services. See: <u>https://e-</u>

voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/assets/documents/zoom-sheet

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83871440143?pwd=cWtvaGJUYXF Sb1laYWVNQVI0aTB0dz09

Meeting ID: 838 7144 0143 Password: 543159

These online services will continue for those wanting to continue worshiping at home.

The St Peter's Chapel Summer Evening Services will be online, see <u>https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6204/</u>

## Click below:

https://media.acny.uk/media/July 19th Evening Worship.pdf