

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I September 2024 (Morning Worship)

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

179 Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) © 1988 Make Way Music
**From the sun's rising unto the sun's setting;
Jesus our Lord shall be great in the earth;
and all earth's kingdoms shall be his dominion,
all of creation shall sing of his worth.**

*Let ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice,
ev'ry tongue join with spirits ablaze;
one in his love, we will circle the world
with the song of his praise.
O, let all his people rejoice,
and let all the earth hear his voice!*

**To ev'ry tongue, tribe and nation he sends us,
to make disciples, to teach and baptise.
For all authority to him is given;
now as his witnesses we shall arise.**

**Come, let us join with the Church from all nations,
cross ev'ry border, throw wide ev'ry door;
workers with him as he gathers his harvest,
till earth's far corners our Saviour adore.**

Opening prayer

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence (confession)

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us
turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.
Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew for the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

376 George Herbert (1593-1633)

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!**

**The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!**

**The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.**

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my God and King!**

Song of Solomon 2.8–13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look,
there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through
the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair
one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the
voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its
figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love,
my fair one, and come away.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45.1–2, 6–9

1 My heart is astir with gracious words;

as I make my song for the king, my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 You are the fairest of men;

full of grace are your lips, for God has blest you for ever.

6 Your throne is God's throne, for ever;

the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.

7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia;

from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Glory 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.

James 1.17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

422 Martin E. Leckebusch (b. 1962) © 2004 Kevin Mayhew Ltd

**Lord, we turn to you for mercy:
may our pray'rful words express
something of our heartfelt sorrow
for the sins we now confess.**

**We have trusted far too often
in our human strength and skill;
we have proudly disregarded
what we knew to be your will.**

**Yet by your immense compassion
you invite, accept, restore,
leading us to greater wholeness
than we ever knew before.**

**Your forgiveness lifts our burdens,
setting heart and spirit free
to fulfil our true potential,
all that we were meant to be.**

**For you teach a way of wisdom
we may clearly understand:
walking with the **God** of mercy
step by step, and hand in hand.**

Mark 7.1–8, 14, 15, 21–23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with

defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines. "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. 'For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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Thanks be to God.

The response

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

from Colossians 3

Benedictus (Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will
go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
**Glory 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.**

259 Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.

**Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let each a helping hand afford,
and feel each other's care.**

**Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
and by thy sacrifice be led
the fruits of love to show.**

**Drawn by the magnet of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever t'wards each other move,
and ever move t'wards thee.**

**This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity.
O let us still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.**

The sermon

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered, and the collect is said

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the
righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(or) The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen**

(or) The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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

536 Robert Grant (1779-1838), based on Psalm 104

**O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark in his path on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise**

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