



All Together Sunday Worship

1st November 2020

Being on the right side of Jesus

Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

Let us enter God's sanctuary: **let us bow down at his feet.**

Arise Lord: **come to your dwelling-place.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:

let your faithful servants shout for joy! Amen.

(from Psalm 132)

Confessing our Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaring God's Forgiveness

If God kept a record of our sins we could not stand; but with him
there is forgiveness - therefore let us fear him, wait for him, put our
hope in him. His love for us has not failed, and he has redeemed us
from all our sins; through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (from Psalm 130)

The Collect for the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Affirming Our Faith (stand if able)

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.

Reading from the Bible (stand if able)

Mark 6

¹ Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.



‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?’ ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.’ ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.



⁸ These were his instructions: ‘Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.’

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus’ name had become well known. Some were saying, ‘John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.’



¹⁵ Others said, 'He is Elijah.'

And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.'

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' ²³ And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.'

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?'

'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.'

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.



Reflecting on God's Word

Jesus was teaching in his hometown. People were:

Confused  **and scandalised** 

Called  **and sent** 

- Drive out evil spirits
- Preach the message of repentance for sin
- Heal the wounds of sin

Convicted  **and scheming** 

1. Exercising authority without abusing power
2. Desiring the right thing
3. Being God's people in places of influence

Praying Together

Praying for our Church, our World, our community and for the sick

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 is 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 forever. Amen.

Pronouncing God's Blessing

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Notices

After our service we can meet outside in groups of six only. Sadly, no mingling between groups.

Coming up:

Zoom Book Brunch: Join us in reading *The Everyday Gospel* by Tim Chester and discussing it on Zoom on Saturday 7th November at 11am. In this book Tim Chester unpacks how seemingly inconsequential tasks can point us to Jesus. We will see how even washing the dishes can be done to the glory of God, leaving us marveling again at God's goodness and grace. Copies are £1 - take one today from church or Amanda will deliver one to you.

Activities this week:

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowships. On Zoom (internet meeting) Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Ask Neil for an invitation. Women's Bible Study Wednesday at 7.30pm. Ask Helen for an invitation.

Zoom Cake and Chat: Thursdays at 9am for up to two hours. Amanda can provide the internet link for access if you'd like to join in.