



All Together Sunday Worship

10th January 2021

Living with Evil Spirits

Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

May the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him – his name is the Lord.

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

**God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

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

O people, put your hope in the LORD. **His love endures forever.**
He is called Jesus, **because he will save his people from their sins**
(from Psalm 130 and Luke 1)

Song: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Reading from the Bible (stand)

Mark 9:14-32



¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹ “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”



²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³ ““If you can’?”” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

²⁹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.[a]”

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Reflecting on God's Word

Living with Evil Spirits

1. Opening our spiritual eyes
2. Turning to the right person for help
3. Humbling ourselves before the love of Jesus

Praying Together

The Collect for the First Sunday after Epiphany

Merciful Lord, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that we may know those things we ought to do and also have the grace and power faithfully to perform them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

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

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For the Kingdom,

the power

And the glory are yours

Now and forever. Amen.

As we forgive those who sin against us

Affirming Our Faith

The 39 Articles of the Church of England

1. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.

There is but one living and true God,
everlasting, without body, parts, or passions;
of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness;
the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible.
And in unity of this Godhead there be three Persons,
of one substance, power, and eternity;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

SONG: How deep the Father's love for us

Notices

Pronouncing God's Blessing

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed,
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this year in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**May 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

in the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

After our service we can meet outside in pairs of two people only. Sadly, no mingling between more than two people.

Activities this week:

Zoom Sunday Afternoon Tea is back from today! Join us on Zoom from 4pm to catch up and connect. Code available from Neil or Helen.

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship. Groups will start during the week of 11th January. For more information, please ask Neil or Helen.

Zoom Cake and Chat. We meet online on Thursdays from this week from 9am until around 11am. Contact Amanda for a Zoom code. Drop in for ten minutes or two hours. We'd love to see you.

Keeping in contact and asking for help in times of need

This week we will be reorganising our communication, support and care for everyone who is part of the Holy Trinity church community. To help us do this, please let Neil or Sunita know your contact details, even if you think we should know them.

Paper service sheets

If you would like a copy of the paper service sheet, or know someone who would like a copy, please let Neil know.