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The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



Do to others as you would have them do to you.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 6, 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Call to Worship

Presbyter Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst.
People **Let our worship be pleasing in your sight,**
Presbyter so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion
People **with you and one another.**
Presbyter Revive our faith, O God.
People **That our faith might be manifested in action.**

Opening Hymn

“To God be the Glory”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9mYkaLZDzY>

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Leviticus 19. 13 - 18

THOU shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Reflections on the Parable of the Good Samaritan

The parable of the Good Samaritan is surely one of Jesus' Top 10. People who know nothing of Christianity still recognize the story.

Jesus tells us the story of the Samaritan, not only so we can admire the virtue that surfaces in unlikely people and places, but so we will be driven out to live like that, too.

In Jesus, God showed up in an unlikely person and an unlikely place, to make vivid that this is what holiness and divinity and love incarnate look like. Now go and do likewise. Go and love God, love each other, teach, hope, risk, speak truth, face powers, suffer, love some more, lose your life and then discover a whole new life. What you read in scripture, what you see in Jesus, what you admire in the saints ... filled with the power of the Spirit, go and do likewise. ~ THE REV. CANON STEPHANIE SPELLERS

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The Epistle

St James 2. 14 - 18

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

The Holy Gospel

St Luke 10. 23 - 37

JESUS said unto his disciples, blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see. For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And behold, a certain Lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain Priest that way, and, when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and, when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

| The Sharing of the Peace |

Presbyter 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

“Lead, kindly light”

Words: CARDINAL JOHN NEWMAN (1801 - 1890) • Music: JOHN DYKES (1823 - 1876)

Invocation

[View in the YouTube link to the service](#)

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,
lead Thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home,
lead Thou me on;
keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

So long Thy pow'r has blest me, sure it still
wilt lead me on,
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
the night is gone,
and with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Prayers for those who teach

September 5 was Teacher's Day

Father God, in the power of the Holy Spirit we bring our concerns and worries about education and all people involved in this work.

Father God, we give you thanks for:
our education system,
all teachers,
all who work in education
the joys of teaching.

We pray that all who are involved will use their skill wisely, feel themselves to be valued and help the students in their care to learn and grow.

Father God, we remember the work of teachers, the men and women who have trained hard, and now use their skills in educating others.

Lord God, give all those who teach strength, courage and a sense of purpose in teaching.

Father God, we pray for:
struggling or unsupported teachers
teachers who feel overwhelmed by their workload.

Lord God, give teachers energy, commitment and a sense of purpose in their work.

Father God, we pray for:

Heads of Schools and Governing bodies. We especially thank God for the foundation of the Cathedral & John Connon School which has entered its 160th year this year.

Lord God, we pray for teachers who teach children with special needs. Thank you for their love and patience.

Father God, we pray for:

People training to be teachers
and those who train teachers. Give them a clear sense of direction.

May we as a community be supportive and caring, offering a listening ear and practical concern whenever we can. We give thanks for all teachers in our congregation. We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Adapted from BARBARA A. SCOTT 'Shaping Prayer', Methodist Publishing House 1996)

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,

giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly

"eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",

although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building

but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere

to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."



|The Thanksgiving |

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

“When I needed a neighbour”

Hymn at the Closing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fExR7eOhJ00>

Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † responsible behaviour and restrain amongst members of the public as the lockdown gets further eased.
- † all scientists working towards the development of a vaccine to combat the coronavirus.
- † God’s presence with all who are in hospital and quarantine facilities.
- † Church worship to resume again and for church leaders as they make necessary arrangements.
- † doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Pray for their safety and well being.
- † in our community all senior citizens and those who are unwell. We pray for God’s healing hand on Surekha Salvi, Allen Moses, Uma Moses’ mother and Nalina Sathiaraj’s mother. Pray for all care providers.
- † all teachers in our congregation. We give thanks to God for their vocation. Pray for the Board of Governors, the Principal, staff and pupils of the Cathedral & John Connon School.
- † in the Diocese for the Jubilee Church (Malayalam congregation) and the Revd Aby Thomas.
- † the Church of North India’s Diocese of Calcutta and the Rt Revd Dr Paritosh Canning.
- † the Church of South India’s Diocese of North Karnataka and the Rt Revd Ravikumar J. Niranjan.
- † in the Anglican Communion, for the Church in South Africa and the Most Revd Thabo Makgoba (Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.)
- Our thanks to Denham Periera (Organist & Choirmaster at the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Colombo, Sri Lanka) for compiling the virtual choir for the service this morning.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Sanjana Deekollu (6), Paul George (9), Vivek John (9), Joyous Singh (11)

*God of life,
we thank you for the universities, colleges, schools and early years’ settings
we are involved in through the members of this church.
We pray that they would be positive learning environments for all who work and study in them.
Today especially, we ask your blessing on all who work in education
and we pray that our schools would be places where children and young people
enjoy their time and really thrive.
We ask that through the education they receive,
they will be equipped not only with the qualifications and skills they need
but that they will also develop the personal qualities, attitudes and character
to lead happy and fulfilled lives.
Amen.*

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Contact the Presbyter for the zoom link and invitation.

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| Sun | 10 am | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes. |
| | 11:15 am | Sunday school |
| | 7:30 pm | Bible study for the youth. |
| Daily | 6pm | Prayer cycle led by the Women’s Fellowship. |
| Sat | 5 pm | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |