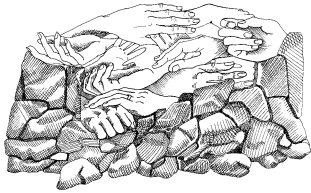


THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Proclaim the good news of God's love'



The gospel (or 'good news') is that God in Christ has reconciled lost human beings to himself. He sent his Son to seek them out, offer them love and forgiveness, and bring them under the rule of God. In this Kingdom they are reconciled to their heavenly Father, and to each other, and are sent on a mission: to be agents of reconciliation in a divided world.

The Gathering

THE GREETING

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

And also with you. (1 Tim. 1:2)

(A HYMN may be sung)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away;

See, everything has become new!

All this is from God,

who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God. (2 Cor. 5:17ff)

PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you that we are no longer strangers to you but members together in the body of Christ.

Send the Holy Spirit to build up our unity,

inspire our worship,

and lead us on in the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(SONGS may be sung)

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PENITENCE

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'

Let us, in a moment of silence, recognize those failings in us that undermine relationships, and cause hurt to others ...

As brothers and sisters in God's family,

we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness:

We confess the sins that bring hurt and betrayal upon those who trust us.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess the sins that cause love to grow cold, and attitudes to harden.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess the sins that impede the way to forgiveness and reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

(The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or RESPONSES may be used)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... (silent prayer)

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM/HYMN or SCRIPTURAL SONG

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

(The Apostles' Creed)

(A HYMN may be sung)

The Prayers

We give thanks for the health we have, and for the skills of those who attend to us when we are in need. Bring healing and encouragement to those suffering from ill-health, depression or frailty ...

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those whose memory we treasure ...

Grant us with them, and with all the saints ... the joy of eternal life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A HYMN may be sung)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

(J. Newton)

(The BLESSING may be said)

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**