

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
**Gathering and Greeting**

*Please stand*

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:

**All Come let us worship.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**All Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**All the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**All O praise the name of the Lord!**

*Opening sentences*

**All One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.**

Who is it that you seek?

**All We seek the Lord our God.**

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

**All Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Please sit or kneel*

St Paul says 'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

*cf Ephesians 4.30 – 5.1*

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

## Praise and Thanksgiving

*Please stand*

You are worthy, our Lord and God,

**All to receive glory and honour and power.**

For you have created all things,

**All and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,

**All and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.**

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God,

**All and they will reign with you on earth.**

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

**All be blessing and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Just as I am, without one plea,

But that Thy blood was shed for me,

**All And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

Just as I am, and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot;

**All To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Just as I am, though tossed about

With many a conflict, many a doubt;

**All Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;

Sight, riches, healing of the mind;

**All Yes, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

**All** **Because Thy promise I believe,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;

**All** **Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,**  
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Motet** – *Sung by The Sixteen*  
*Beati quorum via*  
By Charles Villiers (1852-1924)

*Beati quorum via integra est:*  
*qui ambulant in lege Domini*

*Blessed are they whose road is straight,*  
*who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Words from Psalm 119 v.1*

### **Collect**

Let us pray, with one heart and mind.

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Epistle - Romans 8.12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## **Psalm 86 – Sung by Lincoln Cathedral Choir**

1. BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.
2. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon thee.
4. Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou hearest me.
8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9. All nations whom thou hadst made shall come and worship thee, O Lord: and shall glorify thy Name.
10. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.
11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
12. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for evermore.
13. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
14. O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
15. But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
16. O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
17. Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:24-30, 13:36-43**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds

are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## **Sermon**

**Music** - *Organ Voluntary*

## **Intercessions**

### **Affirmation of Faith and Dismissal**

*Please stand*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All** **Though he was divine,**  
**he did not cling to equality with God,**  
**but made himself nothing.**  
**Taking the form of a slave,**  
**he was born in human likeness.**  
**He humbled himself**  
**and was obedient to death,**  
**even the death of the cross.**  
**Therefore God has raised him on high,**  
**and given him the name above every name:**  
**that at the name of Jesus**  
**every knee should bow,**  
**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We are reminded that you humbled yourself in taking  
the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the courage to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All** To a troubled world  
**peace from Christ.**  
**All** To a searching world  
**love from Christ.**  
**All** To a waiting world  
**hope from Christ.**

Therefore, may you go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage.  
Hold fast that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted.  
Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted.  
Show love to everyone.  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**