



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

**St Giles', Durham,
St Cuthbert's, Shadforth and St Mary's, Sherburn**

**A Service of the Word
Sunday 12 July 2020
Trinity 5**



This service booklet is yours to keep and take home with you.

If you don't wish to take it with you, please drop it into the bin provided at the back of the church.

Preparation

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,

confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading

A reading from the book of Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119. 105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.
I hold my life in my hand continually,

but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
Your decrees are my heritage for ever;
they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
for ever, to the end.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Creed

All **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.**

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used:

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:
All **thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices

Public Worship

From today, Sunday 12 July, we will be open for Public Worship for Sunday morning services in all of our churches at the normal times:

- St Cuthbert's, Shadforth - 9.00am
- St Mary's, Sherburn - 9.30am
- St Giles', Durham - 11.00am

We will continue to offer the following services via Zoom

- Sunday 12 July 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday 15 July 10.00am Morning Prayer

Private Prayer

Our churches continue to be open for Private Prayer as follows:

St Giles and St Mary's - **Wednesday** afternoons from 1.00pm-4.00pm

It will, of course, be necessary to follow the hygiene and social distancing guidelines throughout your visit. Please follow the instructions on the notices inside Church.

Morning and Evening Prayer: 12 - 18 July

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday 12 July	Psalms 64, 65 Deuteronomy 28. 1-14 Acts 28. 17-end	Psalms 60 2 Samuel 7. 18-end Luke 19.41 - 20.8
Monday 13 July	Psalms 98, 99, 101 1 Samuel 1. 1-20 Luke 19. 28-40	Psalms 105 Ezekiel 1. 1-14 2 Corinthians 1. 1-14
Tuesday 14 July <i>John Keble, priest, 1866</i>	Psalms 106 1 Samuel 1.21 - 2.11 Luke 19. 41-end	Psalms 107 Ezekiel 1.15 - 2.2 2 Corinthians 1.15 - 2.4
Wednesday 15 July <i>Swithun, bishop, c862</i>	Psalms 110, 111, 112 1 Samuel 2. 12-26 Luke 20. 1-8	Psalms 119. 129-152 Ezekiel 2.3 - 3.11 2 Corinthians 2. 5-end
Thursday 16 July	Psalms 113, 115 1 Samuel 2. 27-end Luke 20. 9-19	Psalms 114, 116, 117 Ezekiel 3. 12-end 2 Corinthians 3
Friday 17 July	Psalms 139 1 Samuel 3.1 - 4.1a Luke 20. 20-26	Psalms 130, 131, 137 Ezekiel 8 2 Corinthians 4
Saturday 18 July	Psalms 120, 121, 122 1 Samuel 4. 1b-end Luke 20. 27-40	Psalms 118 Ezekiel 9 2 Corinthians 5