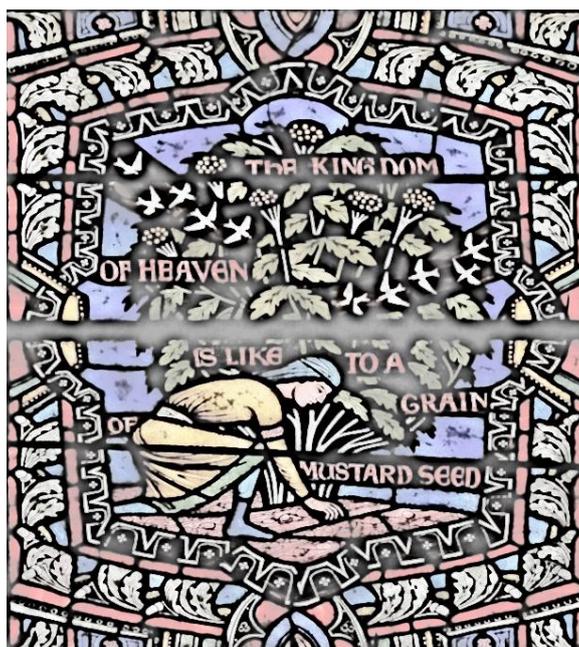




Living churches at the heart of their communities...

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

**A Service of the Word
Sunday 26 July 2020
Trinity 7**



*Genesis 29. 15-28; Psalm 105. 1-11;
Romans 8. 26-end; Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52*

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

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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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading

A reading from the book of Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105. 1-11

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.
He is mindful of his covenant for ever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.'

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.**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Worship together

In addition to our Sunday services, we will continue to offer the following services via Zoom

- Sunday 26 July 4.00pm 4forAll
- Sunday 26 July 6.00pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday 30 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: 26 July - 1 August

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday 26 July	Psalms 77 1 Maccabees 2. 15-22 1 Peter 4. 7-14	Psalms 75 1 Kings 6. 11-14, 23-end Acts 12. 1-17
Monday 27 July	Psalms 1, 2, 3 1 Samuel 10. 1-16 Luke 22. 24-30	Psalms 4, 7 Ezekiel 14. 12-end 2 Corinthians 11. 1-15
Tuesday 28 July	Psalms 5, 6 1 Samuel 10. 17-end Luke 22. 31-38	Psalms 9, 10 Ezekiel 18. 1-20 2 Corinthians 11. 16-end
Wednesday 29 July Mary, Martha and Lazarus	Psalms 119. 1-32 1 Samuel 11 Luke 22. 39-46	Psalms 11, 12, 13 Ezekiel 18. 21-32 2 Corinthians 12
Thursday 30 July William Wilberforce, 1833, Olaudah Equiano, 1797 and Thomas Clarkson 1846	Psalms 14, 15, 16 1 Samuel 12 Luke 22. 47-62	Psalms 18 Ezekiel 20. 1-20 2 Corinthians 13
Friday 31 July	Psalms 17, 19 1 Samuel 13. 5-18 Luke 22. 63-end	Psalms 22 Ezekiel 20. 21-38 James 1. 1-11
Saturday 1 August	Psalms 20, 21, 23 1 Samuel 13.19 - 14.15 Luke 23. 1-12	Psalms 24, 25 Ezekiel 24. 15-end James 1. 12-end