

Holy Trinity Church Mar 14, 2021

Opening hymn:

1. **When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

2. **Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.**

Welcome

Children Time

The Penitential Rite (BAS pg.45-46)

Ruth 1:16; ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Invitation

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading From Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

Lead me on, precious Lord, lead me on.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

Every hour, every day, as I walk the narrow way,

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” **Matthew 26:36-46**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

ALL: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

P Let us bring our prayers and petitions to God, who hears and answers the pleas of our hearts. We pray for this world and for our own nation. Lord, send your Spirit into our nation and this pain-filled world. Be with those who are suffering because of violence, terrorism, war and hunger. Strengthen those in need and give them courage to face the evil that surrounds them. Make us agents of healing in this hurting world. In your mercy,

All: Hear us, Lord.

P We pray for your church in this place and throughout the world. Send faithful pastors, teachers and leaders, so that they might clearly proclaim your Word and shepherd your people. In your mercy,

All: Hear us, Lord.

P Be with us we pray, by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with your presence so that we might be about the task that Jesus sent us to accomplish, that we might proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God's salvation in Jesus. Help us to go into all the world teaching all nations what Jesus has taught us. Make us more confident of his promise to be with us to the end of the age. In your mercy,

All: Hear us, Lord.

P We also pray for the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the lonely, especially those we name in our hearts. We commit them to your loving care. Heal, help and comfort them according to your will. In your mercy,

All: Hear us, Lord.

P These and all other petitions and requests we bring before you in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

All: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.54)

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

**He is so beautiful, just look upon Him.
He is so beautiful, heaven's diadem.
He is so beautiful, behold Him and see,
The beauty of Jesus, heaven's majesty.**

**Even so, Lord Jesus come,
My heart doth long for Thee.
Though I've failed and betrayed Thy trust,
Even so, Lord Jesus come.**

**He is more than enough,
He is more than enough;
He is El Shaddai, the God of plenty.
The all sufficient one, God Almighty;
He is more than enough.**

**Someone to care, someone to share,
All your troubles like no other can do.
He'll come down from the skies,
And brush the tears from your eyes,
You're His child and He cares for you.**