**Sunday 9th July 2023** **Trinity 5**

**Large Print Service sheet**

**For Lesson Reader and those requesting it**

**Hymn 638** **O for a heart to praise my God**

1 O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that’s cleansèd by the blood
so freely shed for me.

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my dear Redeemer’s throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone;

3 a humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
believing, true and clean,
which neither life nor death can part\_
from him that dwells within;

4 a heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine,
perfect and right, and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above:
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new, best name of love.

**The Greeting**

**Hello and Welcome**

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

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the Lord.
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Penitence** **saying sorry**

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**

**we have broken your commandments;**
**we have often been selfish,**
**and we have not loved you as we should.**

**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:**
**through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift**

**Psalm 45.10–17** **A message to a bride-to-be**

The king’s daughter is encouraged to become a faithful wife, a beautiful bride, and a fruitful mother of kings!

10  Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
   **forget your own people and your father’s house.**

11  So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
   **he is your lord, so do him honour.**

12  The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
**the richest of the people shall seek your favour.**

13  The king’s daughter is all glorious within;
**her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.**

14  She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
**after her the virgins that are her companions.**

15  With joy and gladness shall they be brought
**and enter into the palace of the king.**

16  ‘Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
   **whom you shall make princes over all the land.**

17  ‘I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
**Therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.’**

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.**

**Thanks & Praise 16** **Blessed be your name**

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name

And blessed be your name
when I’m found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

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Blessed be your name
when the sun’s shining down on me,
when the world’s ‘all as it should be’,
blessed be your name.

And blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there’s pain in the offering,
blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Chorus

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say: Lord, blessed be your name. *twice*

**Movie Moment** **Introducing the reading**

**Preparing - to hear God’s word**

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

**Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67**

A reading from Genesis chapter 24.
34 So *the servant* said *to Bethuel*, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. 35 The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. 36 My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. 37 And my master made me swear an oath, and said, “You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, 38 but go to my father’s family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.”
v42–49
42 ‘When I came to the spring today, I said, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. 43 See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, ‘Please let me drink a little water from your jar,’ 44 and if she says to me, ‘Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,’ let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master’s son.”
45 ‘Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, “Please give me a drink.”
46 ‘She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, “Drink, and I’ll water your camels too.” So I drank, and she watered the camels also.
47 ‘I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?”
‘She said, “The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.”
‘Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, 48 and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master’s brother for his son. 49 Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.’
v58–67
58 So they called Rebekah and asked her, ‘Will you go with this man?’
‘I will go,’ she said.
59 So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham’s servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
‘Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands;
may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.’
61 Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.
62 Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. 63 He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. 64 Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel 65 and asked the servant, ‘Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?’
‘He is my master,’ the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

66 Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. 67 Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.
*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 383** **Lord, be thy word my rule**

1 Lord, be thy word my rule;
in it may I rejoice:
thy glory be my aim,
thy holy will my choice;

2 thy promises my hope;
thy providence my guard;
thine arm my strong support;
thyself my great reward.

**The Sermon - *To love* can mean *to obey***

**The Love Match?** **Isaac and Rebekah**

**Offering Hymn 103** **O Christ the same**

1 O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages
Unchanging still, amid the passing years
O living Word, the source of all creation
Who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide
Still as of old upon Your body bearing
The marks of love, in triumph glorified
O Son of Man, who stopped for us from heaven
O Prince of life, in all Your saving power
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given
We bring our thanks for this the present hour

3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows
We bring our thanks for all that is to be

**Declaring Faith** - **affirming our belief**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.
**This is our faith.**
**We believe and trust in One God,**
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Praying Together** **Intercessions**

**Sunday Collect** **Trinity 5**

**The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus**

**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.**

**A Thanksgiving - we give thanks to God**

For every blessing we have received
**we give you thanks and praise**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 528 1,2,4,5** **The Church’s one foundation**

1 The Church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

4 ’Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,**
**as we go out into the world.**

**May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives,
as well as our worship,
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices**

**No service this Wednesday**

**Next Sunday: The Stairway**

**8:30 Early Communion (C)**

**10:00 Sunday Morning Worship (C)**

**12:00 Sunday Morning Worship (K)**