20th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Lord is KING Hymn 8

The Lord is King! lift up your voice,

O earth; and all you heavens, rejoice!

From world to world the song shall ring,

"The Lord omnipotent is King".

2 The Lord is King! Who then shall dare

resist his will, distrust his care,

or murmur at his wise decrees,

or doubt his royal promises?

3 The Lord is King! Child of the dust,

the Judge of all the earth is just;

holy and true are all his ways;

let every creature speak his praise.

4 God reigns! He reigns with glory crowned

let Christians make a joyful sound!

And Christ is seated at his side,

the Man of love, the Crucified.

5 Come, make your needs, your burdens known;

he will present them at the throne;

and angel bands are waiting there

his messages of love to bear.

6 One Lord one kingdom all secures:

he reigns, and life and death are yours

through earth and heaven one song shall sing

"The Lord omnipotent is King!”

The Greeting - Hello and welcome

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

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you

and against our neighbour in thought

and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault;

by what we have done

and by what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Forgiveness - a reminder of God's gift

Preparing to hear God's word

Let us hear the word of the Lord.

So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Colossians 1:15-28 - please be seated

*The Supremacy of the Son of God*

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

*Paul’s Labour for the Church*

24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness.  26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Seek ye firsT - Hymn 596

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,

and His righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you;

alleluia, alleluia!

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia!***

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

seek, and ye shall find;

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;

alleluia, alleluia!

3 We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;

alleluia, alleluia!

Psalm 52 - we stand to say

**1** Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant,

**while the goodness of God endures continually?**

**2** You plot destruction, you deceiver;

**your tongue is like a sharpened razor.**

**3** You love evil rather than good,

**falsehood rather than the word of truth.**

**4** You love all words that hurt,

**O you deceitful tongue.**

**5** Therefore God shall utterly bring you down;

**he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living.**

**6** The righteous shall see this and tremble;

**they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:**

**7** ‘This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,

**but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.’**

**8** But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God;

**I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.**

**9** I will always give thanks to you for what you have done;

**I will hope in your name, for your faithful ones delight in it.**

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.**

Luke 10:38-42 - please be seated

*At the Home of Martha and Mary*

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

As the deer pants for the water

Hymn 606

1 As the deer pants for the water,

so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire

and I long to worship you.

***You alone are my strength, my shield,***

***To you alone may my spirit yield.***

***You alone are my heart's desire***

***and I long to worship you.***

2 I want you more than gold or silver,

only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

3 You're my friend and you are my brother,

even though you are a King.

I love you more than any other,

so much more than anything.

The Sermon

My God, how wonderful thou art-Hymn 7

My God, how wonderful thou art,

thy majesty how bright;

how beautiful thy mercy-seat,in depths of burning light!

2 How wonderful, how beautiful,

the sight of thee must be,

thine endless wisdom, boundless power,

and aweful purity!

3 O how I fear thee, living God,

with deepest, tenderest fears;

and worship thee with trembling hope,

and penitential tears!

4 Yet I may love thee, too, O Lord,

almighty as thou art,

for thou hast stooped to ask of me

the love of my poor heart.

5 No earthly father loves like thee;

no mother half so mild bears and forbears,

as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

6 Father of Jesus, love’s reward,

what rapture will it be

to fall and worship at thy throne

and gaze and gaze on thee.

Declaring FaitH - affirming our belief

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family

in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts

through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praying TogetheR - Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday CollecT The fifth Sunday after Trinity

Daily CollecT - for guidance

Heavenly Father,

in whom we live and move and have our being:

We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide

and govern us that in all the cares

and occupations of our daily life,

we may never forget your presence

but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's PrayeR - we pray with Jesus

The Blessing

When we walk with the LorD - Hymn 603

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.

*Trust and obey,*

*for there’s no other way*

*to be happy in Jesus,*

*but to trust and obey.*

2 Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,

but his smile quickly drives it away;

not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,

can abide while we trust and obey.

3 But we never can prove the delights of his love

until all on the altar we lay;

for the favour he shows and the joy he bestows

are for them who will trust and obey.

4 Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

or we’ll walk by his side in the way;

what he says we will do, where he sends we will go

never fear, only trust and obey.

We go into the world

to walk in God's light,

to rejoice in God's love

and to reflect God's glory.