Sunday 10th August - 8th after Trinity

Lord, for the years - Hymn 81

**1** Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

**2** Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,

speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:

Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

**3** Lord, for our land, in this our generation,

spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:

for young and old, for this and every nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

**4** Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt him,

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

**5** Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,

self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,

past put behind us, for the future take us:

Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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The Greeting - Hello and Welcome

The Lord be with you

***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

Father, forgive us: ***save us and help us***

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.***

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 - please be seated

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. 13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

Give me oil in my lamp - Hymn 570

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,

give me oil in my lamp I pray;

give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,

keep me burning till the break of day.

***Sing hosannah, sing hosannah,***

***sing hosannah to the King of Kings!***

***Sing hosannah, sing Hosannah***

***sing hosannah to the King!***

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

give me joy in my heart, I pray;

give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

keep me praising till the break of day.

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

give me peace in my heart, I pray;

give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

keep me loving till the break of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,

give me love in my heart, I pray;

give me love in my heart, keep me serving,

keep me serving till the break of day.

Psalm 50 - we stand to say

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken

***and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.***

2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;

***our God comes and will not keep silence.***

3 Consuming fire goes out before him

***and a mighty tempest stirs about him.***

4 He calls the heaven above,

***and the earth, that he may judge his people:***

5 ‘Gather to me my faithful,

***who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.’***

6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness,

***for God himself is judge.***

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

***‘I will testify against you, O Israel;***

***for I am God, your God.***

8 ‘I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,

***for your burnt offerings are always before me.***

23 ‘You that forget God, consider this well,

***lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.***

24 ‘Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me

***and to those who keep my way***

***will I show the salvation of God.’***

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 12:32-40 - please be seated

32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

Speak, O Lord - Thanks & Praise 134

**1** Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;

shape and fashion us in your likeness,

that the light of Christ might be seen today

in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us

all your purposes, for your glory.

**2** Teach us, Lord, full obedience,

holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes

in the radiance of your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see

your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail;

let their truth prevail over unbelief.

**3** Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time

that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises,

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built

as the earth is filled with your glory.

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The Sermon

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Hymn 636 - Collection Hymn

**1** May the mind of Christ my Saviour

live in me from day to day,

by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

**2** May the word of God enrich me

with his truth from hour to hour,

so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

**3** May the peace of God my Father

in my life for ever reign,

that I may be calm to comfort those in grief and pain.

**4** May the love of Jesus fill me

as the waters fill the sea,

him exalting, self abasing- this is victory!

**5** May his beauty rest upon me

as I seek to make him known;

so that all may look to Jesus, seeing him alone.

**6** May I run the race before me

strong and brave to face the foe,

looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.

Praying Together - Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord

***Lord, have mercy.***

Sunday Collect – 8th after Trinity

Daily Collect - For God's leading

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings,

with your most gracious favour,

and further us with your continual help;

that in all our works begun,

continued and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name,

and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The Benediction

In the name of Jesus - Hymn 94

**1** In the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,

every tongue confess him King of glory now;

'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,

who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

**2** Humbled for a season, to receive a name

from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;

faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,

brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

**3** Bore it up triumphant with its human light,

through all ranks of creatures to the central height;

to the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne,

filled it with the glory of his triumph won.

**4** In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue

all that is not holy, all that is not true;

crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,

let his will enfold you in its light and power.

**5** With his Father's glory Jesus comes again,

angel hosts attend him and announce his reign;

for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,

and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Dismissal

We go into the world

***to walk in God's light,***

***to rejoice in God's love***

***and to reflect God's glory.***