

A Service of the Word

Sunday 7th September 2025 • The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

All: and also with you.

We have come together as the family of God...

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 584

1. All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Confession

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy
All: Christ, have mercy
All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Responsive Gloria (words may vary)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To God be glory for ever!
Alleluia, amen.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
All: To God be glory for ever!
All: Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Repeat with: Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Repeat with: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Collect for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Deuteronomy 30. 15-end

Psalm 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Philemon 1-21

Hymn 135

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Gospel Reading *please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 14. 25-33

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Choir Anthem for meditation *O for a closer walk (Stanford)*

Homily *The Vicar*

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers using the response:

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prayerful Hymn 604

1. Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

The Lord's Prayer

Notices and Banns of Marriage

Hymn 748 A 'praiseful' hymn with children's instruments

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.
5. O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Music

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