

Sunday 25 June 2023

Third Sunday after Trinity

## Hymns, Readings, & Collect

### Opening Hymn: When morning gilds the sky

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised:  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,  
when from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised:  
The powers of darkness fear,  
when this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss  
the loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised:  
Let air, and sea, and sky  
from depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised:  
Be this th'eternal song  
through all the ages on,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

*Laudes Domini 473ii NEH*

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### The New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Romans 6: 1b–11*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Thuma mina

Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.

Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

*Traditional African 481 AM*

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus summoned the twelve disciples and sent them out with the following instructions:

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St Matthew 10: 24–39*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living 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.**

**The Prayers of Intercession & The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*all I have needed thy hand hath provided;*

*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Faithfulness 650 AM*

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### The Eucharistic Prayer

#### Anthem: Take this moment - Bell

Take this moment, sign and space;  
Take my friends around;  
Here among us make the place  
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
Take the time to mend  
Who I am and what I've been,  
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
Take my past regret,  
Letting your forgiveness touch  
All I can't forget.

Take the little child in me  
Scared of growing old;  
Help me here to find my worth  
Made in God's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
Take what's yet to be;  
Let my life be yours, and yet  
Let it still be me.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

#### Communion Hymn: We pray thee, heavenly Father

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,  
for it is all thine own,  
all gifts, by thine appointment,  
in bread and cup are shown;  
one thing alone we bring not,  
the wilfulness of sin,  
and all we bring is nothing  
save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,  
beneath the outward sign,  
by that his operation—  
the Holy Ghost divine—  
lies hid the sacred body,  
lies hid the precious blood,  
once slain, now ever glorious,  
of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy  
to offer sacrifice,  
we pray that this our duty  
be pleasing in thine eyes;  
for praise, and thanks, and worship,  
for mercy and for aid,  
the catholic oblation  
of Jesus Christ is made.

*Meirionydd 311 NEH*

#### The Post Communion Prayer, Junior Church Presentation, and Blessing

#### Dismissal: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice! the Lord is King.  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

*Gopsal 443 NEH*