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The First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 3 June 2018

President & Celebrant:

The Most Revd and Right Hon Justin Welby,
The Archbishop of Canterbury

Sermon:

The Most Revd Joris Vercammen,
The Archbishop of Utrecht

10.00 am

*A warm welcome to all of you to this service of Holy Communion.
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STAND

THE GATHERING

Processional Hymn

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| 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; come ye before Him and rejoice. | 3 O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do |
| 2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.. | 4 Because the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure. |
| 5 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! | |

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen.

Peace be with you

All and also with you.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The President adds words of welcome and introduces the Collect for Purity:

All 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.

SIT OR KNEEL

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus
Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in
heaven,
and to bring us to everlasting life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly
resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love
and peace with all.

All Almighty God, our 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.
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.

The President pronounces the absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

STAND

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

All Amen.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Deuteronomy 5.12-15

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

¹² Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

STAND

Psalm 81.1-10



1. Sing with joy to | God our | strength *
and raise a loud | shout • to the | God of | Jacob.
2. Raise a song and | sound the | timbrel, *
the | merry • harp, | and the | lyre.
3. Blow the ram's-horn | at the | new moon, *
and at the full moon, the | day | of our | feast.
4. For this is a | statute • for | Israel, *
a | law • of the | God of | Jacob.

5. He laid it as a solemn charge up- | on Jo- | seph, *
when he came | out • of the | land of | Egypt.
6. I heard an un- | familiar • voice | saying, *
'I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set |
free from | bearing • the | load.'
7. You called on me in trouble, and | I saved | you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested
you | at the | waters • of | Meribah.
8. Hear, O my people, and I | will ad- | monish you: *
O Israel, if you | would but | listen • to | me!
9. There shall be no strange | god a- | mong you; *
you shall not | worship • a | foreign | god.
10. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land
of | Egypt • and | said, *
'Open your mouth | wide, and | I will | fill it.'

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son, *
And | to the | Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be | ginning • is | now *
and shall be for | ever. | A- | men.

SIT

SECOND READING
2 Corinthians 4.5-12

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of
Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live,
we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the
life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is
at work in us, but life in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

STAND

Gradual Hymn

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesus'
name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal
diadem
And crown Him crown Him
crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all | 3. Ye prophets who our
freedom won
Ye searchers great and small
By whom the work of truth is
done
Now crown Him crown Him
crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all |
| 2. Crown Him ye martyrs of
your God
Who from His altar call
Praise Him whose way of
pain ye trod
And crown Him crown Him
crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all. | 4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen
race
Ye ransomed of the fall
Hail Him who saves you by
His grace
And crown Him crown Him
crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all |
| 5. Let every tribe and every tongue
To Him their hearts enthrall
Lift high the universal song
And crown Him crown Him crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all | |

REMAIN STANDING

THE GOSPEL

Mark 2.23 – 3.6

Read by the Right Reverend Dr Robert Innes

Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." ³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

THE SERMON
The Most Revd Joris Vercammen
The Archbishop of Utrecht

STAND

THE CREED

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was
made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

SIT OR KNEEL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Led by representatives of the Anglican and Old Catholic
delegations to the Conference of European Churches*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ
the saviour of the world and commit ourselves to follow his
example of love and service.

Lord, hear us.

A// **And humble us.**

We pray for the unity of the church in witness and in the
proclamation of the Gospel. We are thankful that after two world
wars so many friendships have developed. We pray for the
ecumenical instruments of the churches and today especially for
the Conference of European Churches. Strengthen us your
service.

Lord, hear us.

A// **And unite us.**

We ir bitten dich, lass die Kontakte zwischen unseren Völkern und Kirchen nicht von politischen Entscheidungen abhängig sein. Schenke einen guten Austausch von Kirchen und Gemeinden. Segne alle Bemühungen, die zu einer sichtbaren Einheit unserer Kirchen führen.

Lord hear us.

All **And inspire us to continue your work.**

We pray now for peace and stability between all peoples. We pray for a Europe and a world facing so many crisis situations and challenges. May contacts and honest conversations continue. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly.

Lord hear us.

All **And let us be channels of transformation and peace.**

We pray for the sick, the suffering, those who are in need of comfort, wholeness and peace.

Lord hear us.

All **And let us be instruments of healing.**

In baptism and through Jesus, our Saviour, you have opened heaven to us and enabled us to share in your glory: the joy of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit from before the world was made. May your whole Church, living and departed, come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Lord hear us.

All **Lord graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

STAND

THE PEACE

The President says

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found.
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
6. Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but not am found
Was blind but now I see.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

***A//* Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

***A//* Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and
all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law
and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.
Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving
us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.
Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Each in our own language,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Eternal Father,

we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through
him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

All Amen.

NOTICES

THE DISMISSAL

STAND

THE BLESSING

The Archbishop of Canterbury

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

The Archbishop of Utrecht

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

The Archbishop of Canterbury

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

The Archbishops together

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final Hymn

1. God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share: Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the Name of Christ. Amen.