



Loving.
Living.
Learning.



The Parish of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley

A service of Morning Worship for Sundays in June 2020

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

Sunday 14th June – The first Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21st June – The second Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28th June – The third Sunday after Trinity

***We are invited to join in spirit as we worship together,
wherever we are, at 10.00am.***

Do not worry if you cannot keep to that time, join in when it is possible for you! Or use this booklet for your own prayer time.

Take a moment to be still.

Perhaps light a candle or hold a cross.

Be aware that others will be saying these same words and prayers. We are united in prayer and worship.

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Benedicite – a Song of Creation (shorter version)

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5 O people of God bless the Lord: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ☩
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

**All Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ☩
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

The Word of God

The appointed psalmody is said.

The first reading from Scripture is read.

The second reading from Scripture is read.

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ☩
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ☩
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ☩
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ☩
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ☩
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, ☩
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ☩
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ☩
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God ☩
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
☩
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All 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.

Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Collect of the day is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

The psalm – psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

First reading – Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,

enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,

and weighed the mountains in scales

and the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,

or as his counsellor has instructed him?

14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,

and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?
15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering.
17 All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Second reading – Matthew 28.16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything

that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Reflection *(by Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul’s Cathedral)*

How much do you need to know in order to be a Christian? And how much do you need to know to get involved in ministry? For many people, Christian faith is an intellectual exercise. We work out what we believe and don’t believe. We explore ideas, come to conclusions and wait for that moment when we are confident and know what we are talking about before we finally jump in and get involved.

The ending of Matthew’s Gospel challenges this approach. When the disciples first saw Jesus, they worshipped, but some doubted. It doesn’t say that some worshipped and some doubted, but that they all worshipped and some doubted. Although not all were confident yet of what they thought about this risen Jesus, they worshipped nevertheless. In the same kind of way, Jesus sends the disciples out to make disciples of all the nations – baptizing and teaching (not, as we might expect, teaching and then baptizing).

This seems to be reminding us that Christian faith is a work in progress: we worship while we doubt. We baptize and we teach, but we do not make people sit an exam before they are deemed worthy for baptism. Christian faith does not demand that we have all the answers, nor are constantly certain about every single matter of doctrine, but invites us to jump in, to follow and to worship – and to work as much out later as we can.

Prayers of intercession *(written by Sue Hargreaves, St Andrew’s)*

On this Trinity Sunday we offer our prayers to God our Father, through His Son, Jesus our Saviour, praying the Holy Spirit will be our guide.

In these difficult times we acknowledge there are no easy answers to our questions.

No quick fixes or solutions to the pain and suffering of the world.

We give thanks for the promise that Christ is with us always
And we pray that He will strengthen us to respond to the challenges
we face, with grace and mercy, and to be people of mission, people of
light, people of love.

Creator God. Lord of Heaven and Earth
We hold the world before you in prayer.
A world which is bruised and broken, exploited and divided.
Remake, redeem and renew it by your Sovereign power.
May your church in the world come alongside
those who feel abandoned,
those whose relationships have been destroyed,
those cut off from family and friends,
and those who are sick or bereaved.
Let them discover the love that will not let them go.

God our Father, as we go about our daily lives
In the week ahead.
May we experience your joy within us.
In this time of lockdown, when we cannot reach out
to take another's hand.
May we bless them with the gift of a smile, that speaks of
your love.

Lord accept our prayers, and as you have blessed us make us a blessing
to others. Amen.

The Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 14th June – First Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 116.1, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- 10 I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- 11 I said in my consternation,
“Everyone is a liar.”
- 12 What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 16 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

First reading – Romans 5.1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Second reading – Matthew 9.35-10.8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reflection (by Revd. Sue Hope)

The passage from Matthew’s Gospel is packed with the principles of Christian mission. There’s the starting place of prayer (9.38), and of call and equipping (10.1). There’s the clarity of focus: the disciples know to whom they are sent (10.5,6). The mission is to be conducted both in word and in deed (10.7,8). And it’s freely given – no fees!

Matthew suggests, through the coupling of the names, that they are sent out two by two – Luke’s account of the sending of the 72

endorses this practice (Lk. 10.1). As well as the practical companionship this provides, it also serves as a demonstration of the Spirit's presence in the Body of Christ. 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Matt. 18.20). Those whom they meet taste something of the reality of *koinonia*, 'participation in the Spirit'. They are invited in to something. The goal of the mission is not a cerebral assent to dogma, but participation in a new life.

But this mini-community is not to be a ghetto. When they arrive in a village, they are to find a way of locking their little community onto someone else's (10.11). That gives the possibility of real communication, what postmodernists call 'flow'. It also means that the missionaries are dependent upon those to whom they are sent. There is mutuality, a common sharing. No missionary compounds here!

Prayers of intercession *(written by Jill Wright, St Andrew's)*

Loving Lord, we know that you are here with us as we pray. You have called each of us to live out our Christian lives in these strange circumstances. We pray for our church: for our Bishops, Nick and Toby and for our local church leaders. Give them and us wisdom and courage to work out new ways of being church in our communities as we care for one another.

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

Loving Lord, we pray for our world, the world we are called to live in as your followers. We pray for the leaders of governments, for those who must make the difficult decisions as we navigate our way through uncharted territory. We pray for the commercial world, and for our local businesses as they work out how to begin again safely.

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

Loving Lord, we give thanks for carers, in whatever form that caring takes. We thank you especially for all who work in hospitals and in social care situations, in health centres and pharmacies. We pray for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit; for those who wait and watch

and worry, unable to be with those whom they love. Remind us and them of your promise that underneath it all are your everlasting arms of comfort and healing.

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

We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and we pray for those who mourn their loss. Grant us with them a share in your kingdom in heaven.

We remember also those who mourn the loss of a loved one

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

The Collect –

God of truth,

help us to keep your law of love

and to walk in ways of wisdom,

that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Sunday 21st June – Second Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 69.14-20

¹⁴ rescue me

from sinking in the mire;

let me be delivered from my enemies

and from the deep waters.

¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me,

or the deep swallow me up,

or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant,

for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

18 Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.

19 You know the insults I receive,
and my shame and dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.

20 Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.

I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.

First reading – Romans 6.1-11

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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.

5 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. 6 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. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Second reading – Matthew 10.24-39

24 “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;
25 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!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ 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;
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ 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; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Reflection (by Paula Gooder)

It is easy to slip into assuming that what happens to others can’t happen to us. It is fascinating to watch the media, in the days following tragedies, searching frantically for explanations of why something happened. If they find one, we breathe a collective sigh of relief. If we

can point to an explanation of why something happened, it becomes easier to believe it won't happen to us.

In Matthew 10.24-28, Jesus makes very clear that the disciples should not for a moment imagine that they will escape the abuse that he has received. He came full of compassion for those around him; he healed them; listened to them; proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and ultimately died for them – and they called him the devil ('Beelzebul' in verse 25 was a name used for the devil).

The disciples, Jesus declares, when faced with the same challenge will fare no better. If this is what happened to Jesus, the disciples can expect it to happen to them too. By extension, if it happens to the disciples, we can expect to be treated in the same way too.

The importance of this is that we should not allow fear of what could happen – what people might say or do – to constrict us. If they are going to act like this anyway, we might as well proclaim our good news from the rooftops and at the top of our lungs!

Prayers of intercession (written by Lesley Hudson, St Andrew's)
'It will be alright in the end someone says'. Will it? Maybe. But often that is not the case.

Lord, following you can be hard, but you never said it would be easy. We thank you and take comfort that you know us and value us, that we are significant to you.

'There is a purpose in all this', says another. This implies that God intended this awful situation. He approves of suffering. (Especially if, as sometimes happens we bring trouble onto ourselves, it would be insulting God to suggest the wreckage was his idea in the first place).

Lord, it is sometimes hard to see your purpose. Forgive us when we abuse your gifts of creation and allow disease and damage to spread. You asked us to be the stewards of creation, not to exploit it for our own ends. Enlighten those who do not understand and enable progress to be made in responsible stewardship.

All that we deeply experience is significant (even if it was not what we or God intended to happen!)

Lord, it is difficult to see how the experiences of the past few months can be your will, and yet, through the bad, good can be seen. Communities are united and appreciation for those who help us abounds. That is significant. When this crisis passes help us not to lose that united spirit.

What we can say truthfully in a bad and trying situation is this: 'This is not without significance'.

But, especially in times of deep suffering, easy answers that come glibly off the tongue are insulting, hurtful, and harmful.

Lord many people have suffered hardship during this time. Loved ones have been lost without goodbyes, jobs are in jeopardy, family life is under stress and financial worries distress many. Walk beside those who struggle, give us the discernment to know when to offer help and when to keep quiet. Guide those in positions of responsibility to do the right thing.

Give us a fresh vision. Let us experience your love so deeply that we are free to face the future with a steady eye, forgiven and strong in hope. Amen.

@Some material from The Northumbrian Community daily prayer

The Collect –

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 28th June – Third Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 89.8-18

8 O LORD God of hosts,
who is as mighty as you, O LORD?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

10 You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.

12 The north and the south—you created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

13 You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

16 they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

First reading – Romans 6.12-end

2 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you

obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second reading – Matthew 10.40-end

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reflection *(written by Christopher Woods)*

It is not attractive to contemplate reward in the framework of religious faith. Much of that difficulty comes from how we look at rewards – it is normally a ‘prize’ or financial benefit for having achieved a task that has demanded much effort, normally in the world of showbusiness or as the result of someone’s attractive or popular personality. In many ways this is – accurately – a most unattractive definition of reward.

Fortunately this is precisely not the kind of meaning that is meant by Jesus when 'reward' is the translation of the Greek. In this context, 'reward' is fundamentally the fulfilling of the promise of God, the keeping of his covenant with his people and the manifestation of his mercy and kindness. It is hard at first to equate 'reward' with a recognition of how wide God's mercy really is.

As today's reading suggests, minimal hospitality, generosity and compassion on our part is enough for God to keep his faithful promise to us. God never breaks a promise or destroys the covenant that he has made with us through the person of Christ, and so we should be affirmed in the knowledge that even the little that we do to help others see the faintest glimmer of God in the thick dark patches is more than a sign of his in-breaking kingdom of love and peace.

Prayers of intercession *(by Revd. Julie Bacon)*

Faithful and generous God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we pray for your world. We pray for all affected by the coronavirus pandemic; for those who have lost loved ones, those caring for and treating the sick, and those working for long-term ways of managing and minimising its threat. We pray particularly for countries lacking the resources of our own to confront the challenges, that we may love our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray for local communities, particularly Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley and our neighbouring villages. We pray for all individuals, businesses and groups that contribute to our common life, including schools, shops, medical services and local politicians. Thank you for all who love their neighbours in very practical ways, and help us all to be good neighbours.

We pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit, and those suffering directly, economically or in other ways, as a result of coronavirus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, pour out healing and comfort on those who need it, and help us to be channels of your love and peace.

We remember before you those who have departed this life, and we pray for all who feel lost and bewildered in the current circumstances as they grieve for their loss. May they know the assurance of your eternal love.

We offer these prayers in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect –

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.