

**Morning Praise 14th July 2024 - 7th Sunday after Trinity
Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

**We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory**

**Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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Introduction to Confession (Joel 2: 12-13b)

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.”

Confession and Absolution

In a time of silence let us bring to the Lord those areas of our lives where we have fallen short.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

cf Luke 15

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! 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.

*Great is thy faithfulness! 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!*

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!

*Great is thy faithfulness! 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!*

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Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14 (Sylvia)

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption

through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection – Julie

Response – Keys to the Kingdom- Tammy

Hymn: Bless the Lord O my Soul

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, (!!!)

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger,

Your name is great, and your heart is kind,

**For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; (!!!)
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.***

Instrumental

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending: (!!!)
Ten thousand years and then for evermore!**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.***

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.***

***Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.
Worship your holy name.
Worship your holy name.***

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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

Intercessions *(Susan)*

Response

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Offertory Hymn: Ascribe Greatness

**Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,
His work is perfect and all his ways are just.
Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,
His work is perfect and all his ways are just.
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Good and upright is he;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Good and upright is he. *(repeat from start)***

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

**Gracious God,
accept these gifts, and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

In him, who is our peace, we have perfect redemption, the forgiveness of sins and the riches of his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Sharing Time

Final Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army we arise, arise!***

**Now is the time for us to march upon the land,
Into our hands, he will give the ground we claim.
He rides in majesty to lead us into victory,
the world shall see that Christ is Lord!**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army we arise, arise!***

**God is at work in us, his purpose to perform,
building a Kingdom of power not of words.
Where things impossible by faith shall be made possible;
let's give the glory to him now.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army we arise, arise!***

**Though we are weak, his grace is everything we need;
we're made of clay but this treasure is within.
He turns our weaknesses into his opportunities
so that the glory goes to him.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army we arise!***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,
the hope of glory in our hearts.
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,
arise a mighty army we arise, arise!
we arise, arise!***

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Closing Sentences of Scripture - 2 Thessalonians 3: 13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first-fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage our hearts and strengthen us in every good deed and word. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among us and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Refreshments at the back. Prayer ministry at the front.