

St Cuthbert's Service
19th July 2020 10.00am

SING: Creation sings the Father's song

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.'

We are the people of the kingdom.
Come now to worship the Son of Man.
Come seeking new understanding
of all that he has done for us,
and of all that we are called to do
for the building of the kingdom.

Amen.

2. CONFESSION

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We hear and receive God's forgiveness:

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.**

3. PRAYER FOR TODAY ('collect')

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST BIBLE READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**SING: The Lord's my shepherd
(contemporary version)**

2ND BIBLE READING:
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him,

“Then do you want us to go and gather them?”

²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

TALK

SING: Will you come and follow me?
(The Summons)

4. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

5. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

6. LORD’S PRAYER

(please repeat after me a line at a time)

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.

7. BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SING: Fight the good fight

8. A SENDING OUT PRAYER

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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