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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral



Sunday 19 July 2020
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, leads the service.

Rosie Vinter, Assitant Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Prelude in F Krebs-WV413

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Dean David continues with words of welcome.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

cf Romans 8.22, 23

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith:
come among us and save us.

Silence is kept.

O God, Creator of our being,
all the ground we stand on is holy
yet we trample on the beauty you give;
come again with the fire of your love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

O God, Shepherd of our souls,
you call us by name to follow you
yet we are stubborn in our response;
bring us again into the green pastures of your care;
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

O God,
you offer living water freely to us
yet we refuse to drink from your deep wells;
spring up again in us and refresh us with your Life;
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

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

Prayer Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

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.

The First Reading

Exodus 3.1–6

Read by Isaac Wiles

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Acts 16.11–15

Read by Anna Cowen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me

to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Prelude on "Brother James's Air"

Searle Wright (1918–2004)

Canon Chris Oxley, Chaplaincy Enabler, leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

The Blessing and Dismissal on Rural Mission Sunday

Creator God,
there is so much that is strange in our lives at present.
Help us to pay attention to your creation,
so that we may see you in the common and everyday.

Shepherd Jesus,
as we walk through this rapidly changing world,
help us to know you walk with us.
If our path runs through the valley of the shadow
may we see your light and know your comfort as you lead us.

Comforting Spirit,
as we go about our ordinary lives,
surprise us with glimpses of holy ground.

Holy Trinity, Creator, Shepherd, Spirit,
bless us and surround us with your love, now and always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Fugue in D minor 'The Dorian' BWV538ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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