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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 16 August 2020
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays

Verse in A minor

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

Welcome and Greeting

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

Canon Emma continues with words of welcome.

Jesus said, 'What are you looking for? ... Come and see.' (*John 1.38, 39*)
Where have you noticed God in these last days?
What do you desire from God today?

God gathers us across the distance.
Let us worship God together.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Though we were once far off from God,
in Christ Jesus we have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
and he is our peace. Therefore, in faith not fear,
let us draw close to God to confess our sins.

cf Ephesians 2.13

Silence is kept.

Loving God, we have estranged ourselves from you;
draw close to us again with reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Redeeming Saviour, we have no power to heal the hurts of our lives;
touch us again and make us whole.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of Life, we feel separated and outside your embrace;
connect us again into the eternal breath of your love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

Read by Millie Burgess

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15.21–28

Read by Esther Arens

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started

shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays

Lied from 24 Pieces in Free Style

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and this response may be used at the end:

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

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

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

WOODLANDS (AM394)
Walter Grottores (1877–1949)

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
based on Luke 1.46–55

The Blessing and Dismissal

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus
fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.
Amen.

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

Rosie Vinter plays

Prelude in G major Op.37, No.2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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