



**Leicester Cathedral**  
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# **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

from the Community  
of Leicester Cathedral

**Sunday 14 June 2020**  
**The First Sunday after Trinity**

*The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner, leads the service.*

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

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV642      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## **Welcome and Greeting**

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

*Canon Karen welcomes all and introduces the service.*

## **Gathering Prayer**

As we gather together across the distance, let us pray together:

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Penitence** Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution** God's forgiveness for us

May 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 First Sunday after Trinity

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.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

### Romans 5.1–8

*Read by Victoria Malone*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9.35–10.8

*Read by Marian Kandi*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

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. 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; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

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

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

Jonathan Kerry, Chief Executive, Diocesan Secretary and Cathedral Administrator

*Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ*

Chromorne sur la Taille from Messe pour les Couvents *François Couperin (1688–1733)*

## **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

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
‘Heal the sick and preach the word.’  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
‘In my name baptize and teach.’  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
closer in community;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy:  
‘This my body, this my blood.’  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children’s liberty;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure;  
‘Father, what they do, forgive.’  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
‘I am with you to the end.’  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

ABBOT’S LEIGH (AM499)  
Cyril Taylor (1907–1991)

Jeffrey W. Rowthorn (b.1934)

## The Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ's holy, healing enabling Spirit be with you  
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you today 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*

Prelude in G BWV541i

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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