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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 21 June 2020
The Second Sunday after Trinity
World Refugee Day | Windrush Day

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Canon Pastor and Sub-Dean, leads the service.

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

Partita I sopra Jesu, meine Freude (Jesu, my joy) Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Welcome and Greeting

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

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship God together.

Canon Alison continues with words of welcome.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were born to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 20.7–13

Read by Vanessa Okafor

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10.24–39

Read by Simon Mold

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;

and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of

me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not

worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner

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

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David Hamilton and The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, lead

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

**Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth,
your arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.**

**Still east and west your love extends
and always, near and far,
you call and claim us as your friends
and love us as we are.**

**Where age and gender, class and race,
divides us to our shame,
you see a person and a face,
a neighbour with a name.**

**May we, accepted as we are,
yet called in grace to grow,
reach out to others, near and far,
your healing love to show.**

ST BOTOLPH (AM620ii)
Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

Brian Wren (b.1936)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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

Fugue in G BWV541ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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