



Leicester Cathedral
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 13 September 2020
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

David Cowen, Associate Organist, plays on the Organ

Vater unser im Himmelreich
(*'Our Father in heaven'*)

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

Welcome and Greeting

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

Dean David continues with words of welcome.

Today, as well as being the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, is also Education Sunday. We call to mind all who work in our schools and education settings, and those children and young people returning to school, college or university at this time of change and uncertainty as well as joyful opportunity.

The theme suggested for this Education Sunday is 'A learning people in a time of change'. Let us remember that we are all children of God, all called by God to continue to learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'What are you looking for?... Come and see.'
Where have you noticed God in these last days?
What do you want to learn from God today?

John 1.38, 39

A short silence is kept.

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

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Jesus said, 'the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you'.

John 14.26

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, you make us your children:
open our hearts again to receive your love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Redeeming God, you set us an example in Christ to follow:
enable us to walk with him.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of God, you come to us with wisdom and insight:
make it possible for us to receive your grace.
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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Genesis 50.15–21

Read by Vic Allsop

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21–35

Read by Amanda Fitchett

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be

made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor

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

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759–1824)

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

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

*ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN (AM635)
Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782
harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823–1889)*

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God search your heart and seek you out,
give you the assurance of divine company
and form us all into a learning people
at this time of change
that we might reveal God's wisdom and truth to the world;
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.

David Cowen plays on the Organ

Fugue in D

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

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