

Douglas Union with Frankfield

3rd Sunday after Trinity

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A SHORT SERVICE TO BE USED AT HOME

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*(Where two or more people are gathered for worship the sentences in **bold type** are read by all)*

Organ Improvisation – *Brother, sister, let me serve you*

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The mission of Jesus Christ was to set people free, once and for all, from the destructive powers of sin, darkness and death, so that they might come to know and love God. Therefore, by following Jesus and belonging to his Church we too are freed to live in the service of God and to discover, in the words of today's collect, 'the glorious liberty of the children of God'.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (*Luke 4:18,19*)

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty of the world around us; for the love of family and friends, for work and play, for food and clothes, for the happiness of good times, and the lessons from hard times.

Most of all we thank you for your grace shown in Jesus Christ your Son, who sets us free from sin's power, so that we might serve in your Kingdom, for his sake. Amen.

HYMN 252 – *Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord!*

Penitence

St Paul wrestled with his own selfish tendencies. Using his words, let us confess our sins:

'I do not do the good I want.' Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

'But the evil I do not want is what I do.' Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

'It is no longer I that do it but sin that dwells within me.' Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

'Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?'

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Amen. (*from Romans 7*)

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
- 3 For you said: ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 “Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations.”’
- 15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
- 16 In your name they rejoice all the day long
and are exalted in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength,
and in your favour you lift up our heads.
- 18 Truly the Lord is our shield;
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 617 – *Jesus, remember me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to Jesus Christ who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Lord Jesus, you said 'Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me.' Give us the grace to be welcoming people, to be open to those around us, ready listeners, filled with your love for others.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, you spoke about 'whoever welcomes a prophet...' Give your special blessing and encouragement in the power of the Holy Spirit to all who lead in your church. Strengthen our desire for unity – may we do all we can to get to know and understand other Christians, both here and worldwide, so that your love may be known. Support those who are persecuted for their faith and strengthen the fainthearted. In our own diocese, bless Paul our Bishop and all our clergy and select vestries, especially in the preparations for reopening our churches.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, you spoke about 'whoever welcomes a righteous person...' We pray for justice and peace in this world. Give the leaders of all the nations a care and concern for all their people and a desire for truth and integrity in high places. May the cry of the hungry and the unloved not go unheard and give us all the will to do what we can for others. We pray for all who have lost their jobs, or whose businesses are in jeopardy. Give special wisdom to all who make decisions about the Covid 19 virus.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, you spoke about 'whoever gives even a cup of cold water to a little one...' Pour out your special blessing on all who care for those who are ill or vulnerable: give them wisdom and energy for their work and grant that they may have the practical support and equipment that they need. May all those who are ill, worried or in need know your presence and strength to face their crises.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, we bring to you our own personal thoughts and needs... *Silence*

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, we praise and thank you for coming to set people free, and for the many blessings we experience in following you day by day. Keep us ever faithful in your service and in caring for each other. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER *Preparing for the Reopening of Churches for Public Worship*

Creator God, not limited by time or space; your Son worshipped in synagogue and Temple, and your Spirit came in power on the disciples as they met in the Upper Room. By that same Spirit, guide us as we prepare to reopen the churches in this parish. May they be places of safety, where all feel your welcome, experience your love and are equipped in your service. We pray for those who through age or vulnerability will continue to worship at home, that together we may all rejoice in your goodness and know your blessing, until we can offer unceasing praise in your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HYMN 517 – *Brother, sister, let me serve you*

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

or Blessing.

Organ Improvisation – *All creatures of our God and king*