

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2021**  
**ALL SAINTS WITLEY: LITURGY OF THE WORD**



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**HYMN**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

### **COLLECT**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **READINGS**

**New Testament:** Ephesians 2. 11 – 22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the

cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Gospel:** Mark 6. 30 – 34, 53 – 56

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**SERMON**    Revd Ann Fraser

**HYMN**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the world and all people.

Father of all, we give thanks for your world, for the beauty of the earth and the good things it provides for our daily needs. We pray for all in authority, that they may see the world as you see it, and work towards providing justice, care, fair shares for all people and respect for all creatures.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Christ our leader, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those who have to worship in secret for fear of their lives. We pray with those worshipping in remote areas, giving thanks for the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship in Australia. We pray with all those who worship you in areas of great deprivation, remembering Bex and Moses and everyone at The Child of Hope School in Uganda.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Christ the healer, you brought light to the darkness, joy to the outcasts and healing to the sick. We pray for those whose lives are filled with uncertainty and worry, give them positive hope for the future. We pray now for anyone we know who needs our prayer today ... (*short silence*).

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Christ, our cornerstone, give us strength and wisdom to serve you, and courage to be led by your Holy Spirit to do your will. May we play our part in being your kingdom here on earth.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

### **THE PEACE**

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him in faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **HYMN**

Christ is the world's light, he and none other:  
born in our darkness, he became our brother;  
if we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
    Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other:  
no one can serve him and despise a brother;  
who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
    Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's life, he and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.  
He who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
    Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother;  
    Glory to God on high.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **BLESSING**

May God give you his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Piano Voluntary

