

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2021

ALL SAINTS WITLEY: LITURGY OF THE WORD



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

HYMN

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound –
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

COLLECT

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins.

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 Reading: 2 Corinthians 6. 1 – 13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots,

labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel: Mark 4. 35 – 41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

SERMON Ben Cahill-Nicholls

CHOIR ANTHEM *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807–1892

Music: CHH Parry, 1848–1918,
arr. HA Chambers, 1880–1967

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives, thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease:
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

PRAYERS

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts in his Church.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together
in the service of your Son; bless the leaders of your Church
that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding,
and be open to your word for them.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others,
yet know your healing in themselves.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today,
that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you,
fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

Send your Holy Spirit to lead and guide all who are preparing for ordination in the
next two weeks, including Ben, at the start of their new ministries.

Bless your people gathered together today,

give us peace in all the storms of life, the will to hear your still small voice of calm
and the courage to grow in faith through our daily lives.

Jesus, Lord of your Church,

in your mercy hear us.

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 through faith, heirs of the promise
of the Spirit of peace.

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

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.**

HYMN

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
 who from our mother's arms
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessèd peace to cheer us;
 and keep us in his grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God,
 whom earth and heaven adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created and upon us his children,
that we may use his gifts to glorify his name;
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.

Thanks be to God.

Piano Voluntary

