

St Martin's Church, North Nibley
18th October 2020 — the 19th Sunday after Trinity
A Service of the Word

We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering as the People of God

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ!
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
All **and also with you.**
The priest introduces the service.

Hymn All my hope on God is founded (*see overleaf*)

Preparing for the Word

We worship with Christians near and far, living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.
All **May it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**
A Bible is opened and candles near it are lit.

News and Notices

Opening Prayer

Lord, speak to us
All **that we may hear your word.**
Move among us
All **that we may behold your glory.**
Receive our prayers
All **that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

Praise: Psalm 96

- 1 **Sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his name; ♦
tell out his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 **Declare his glory among the nations ♦
and his wonders among all peoples.**

- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ♦
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 **For all the gods of the nations are but idols; ♦
it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 **Honour and majesty are before him; ♦
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.**
- 7 **Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ♦
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.**
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ♦
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

The Collect, the prayer for the day:

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Proclaiming the Word of the Lord

Reading 1 Thessalonians 1 - 10
This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Rock of Ages (*see overleaf*)
(*NB omitted in recorded service*)

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Anthem God be in my head,
music by Henry Walford Davies

Creed [*Priest*] Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us**

with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Praying for Ourselves: For Forgiveness:

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest declares God's forgiveness.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praying for Others : our Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

All **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 Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you. Amen**

Hymn In heavenly love abiding (*see far right*)

Going out to serve the Lord

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

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

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1. **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.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he
buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. 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.

4. Still from earth 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.

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1. **Rock of Ages, cleft for me,**
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleans me from the guilt and
power.

2. Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hands I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
tainted to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting
breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts
unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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1. **In heavenly love abiding,**
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

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Anthem: God be in my head, music by Henry Walford Davies
God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

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