

St Martin's Church, North Nibley - Sunday 27th June 2021

A Service of the Word for Trinity 4

Gathering as the People of God

Welcome in the name of Christ!

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

News and Notices

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hymn:

Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him

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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.

May it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

You may like to open a Bible and light a candle near it

The Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

First Reading

Wisdom 1 13-15; 2 23-24

13 God did not invent death, and when living creatures die, it gives him no pleasure. **14** He created everything so that it might continue to exist, and everything he created is wholesome and good. There is no deadly poison in them. No, death does not rule this world, **15** for God's justice does not die.

23 When God created us, he did not intend for us to die; he made us like himself. **24** It was the Devil's jealousy that brought death into the world, and those who belong to the Devil are the ones who will die.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-end

Jairus' Daughter and the Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak

21 Jesus went back across to the other side of the lake. There at the lakeside a large crowd gathered around him. **22** Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet **23** and begged him earnestly, "My little daughter is very sick. Please come and place your hands on her, so that she will get well and live!"

24 Then Jesus started off with him. So many people were going along with Jesus that they were crowding him from every side.

25 There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, **26** even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. **27** She had heard about Jesus, so she came in the crowd behind him, **28** saying to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well."

29 She touched his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once; and she had the feeling inside herself that she was healed of her trouble. **30** At once Jesus knew that power had gone out of him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 His disciples answered, "You see how the people are crowding you; why do you ask who touched you?"

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **33** The woman realized what had happened to her, so she came, trembling with fear, knelt at his feet, and told him the whole truth.

34 Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your trouble."

35 While Jesus was saying this, some messengers came from Jairus' house and told him, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the Teacher any longer?"

36 Jesus paid no attention to [a] what they said, but told him, "Don't be afraid, only believe."

37 Then he did not let anyone else go on with him except Peter and James and his brother John.

38 They arrived at Jairus' house, where Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. **39** He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead—she is only sleeping!"

40 They started making fun of him, so he put them all out, took the child's father and mother and his three disciples, and went into the room where the child was lying. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha, koum,*" which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!"

42 She got up at once and started walking around. (She was twelve years old.) When this happened, they were completely amazed. **43** But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone, and he said, "Give her something to eat."

Sermon

The Creed

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

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God,

in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us;

deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us;

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest declares God's forgiveness.

May the God of love and power

forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,

heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

Praying for Others

The prayers of intercession are followed by:

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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:

Through all the changing scenes of life.

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Going out to serve the Lord

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

The blessing is followed by:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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