

St Martin's Church, North Nibley - Sunday 11th July 2021

A Service of the Word for Trinity 6

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: Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

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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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. **5** He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace **8** that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight **9** he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, **12** so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; **14** this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory..

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. **18** For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." **19** And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, **20** for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. **21** But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. **22** When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." **23** And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." **24** She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." **25** Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." **26** The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. **27** Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, **28** brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. **29** When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.."

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: Thine be the glory

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Going out to serve the Lord

God of our pilgrimage,

you have led us to the living water:

refresh and sustain us

as we go forward on our journey,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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