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Online Service of Word & Prayer & Holy Communion

The Third Sunday After Trinity

Drawing Near to God

Prelude

Elegy . . . Malcolm Archer

Welcome

Sentence

Clap your hands, O peoples. Shout out with loud songs of joy. Psalms 47:1

Confession and Absolution

The Bible tells us not to hide our sins from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a repentant and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

We ought to admit our sins to God at all times, and especially when we gather together like this, to give thanks for the benefits we have received from him, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask him to supply whatever we need.

So let us approach the throne of our gracious God, with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray together:

Merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed too much the schemes and desires of our own hearts
and have broken your holy laws.**

**We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.**

Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;

restore those who are repentant,

according to the promises declared to us

through your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on,
we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God desires that no one should perish, but that all should turn to Christ and live. We confess our sins in response to his call. God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Therefore, we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Words: Charities L Bancroft (1841-1892)

Music Vikki Cook

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is
Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart
2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me
3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God!
With Christ my Saviour and my God!

Kids' Spot

Collect for the Day

Heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion; that those who lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Ministry of God's Word

The First Reading

A reading from 1 Peter chapter three beginning at the thirteenth verse.

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

A reading from Luke chapter four beginning at the fourteenth verse.

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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The Sermon *Born Again*

Song

Songwriter: Trevor Hodge

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1. You alone could light the heavens
Speak and form the universe
Every grain and galaxy
Abiding by your word
You alone deserve all glory
In one anthem joyfully raised
Every language every tongue
Resounding in your praise

*Every nation needs to know
There's salvation in your name alone
For your kingdom we must go
To all of the earth all of the earth*
2. You alone could ransom sinners
No one else could pay such price
Give for love your perfect life
In humble sacrifice
You alone have conquered darkness
Death no longer wields its sting
Raised in power to reign forever
Jesus King of Kings
3. You alone restore the broken
Through the weak display your power
Strengthen us to persevere
Equip us for this hour
Christ alone our ceaseless message
Grace and peace our overflow
Surely you are always with us
Jesus we will go

The Prayers

A general thanksgiving

**Gracious God,
we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely given to us,**

**for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.**

**But, above all, we praise you
for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit,
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Further Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to say,

**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

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) tr. Frederick H Hedge (1805-1890)
Music "Ein' Feste Burg" Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils
filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Conclusion and The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

Holy Communion

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise be yours now and always, Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with the whole company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his body and blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread in his hands and says:

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Celebrant takes the cup in his hands and says:

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died; Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

We offer our prayer and praise, Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Communion

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to say,

**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.

Father, we thank you that you feed us who have received this holy sacrament with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for this assurance of your goodness and love; and that we are living members of his body and heirs of his eternal kingdom. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and help us to grow in love and obedience, that with all your saints we may worship you for ever.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Organ Postlude

A Thornbury Fanfare . . . Malcolm Archer

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