

8th Sunday After Trinity – Solid Joys and Lasting Treasure

Notices

- **Wows and Woes – write on boards at back**
- Cream Teas at Hethel – 2-5pm, 7,14,21 August
- RIP Joan Parker – Funeral at Mulbarton Church, 11am, Monday 15th August
 - RIP Evelyn Smith – Funeral details to follow
- Sponsored Cycle Ride – 10 Sep – forms at back

Introduction & Welcome

Special Prayer for Today

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Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song: Holy Ground

This is the place
where dreams are found;
Where vision comes,
called holy ground.

Holy ground,
I'm standing on holy ground
For the Lord my God
is here with me.

Your fire burns
but never dies;
I realise
this is holy ground.

Holy ground,
I'm standing on holy ground
For the Lord my God
is here with me.

The great 'I Am'
revealed to man;

Take off your shoes,
this is holy ground.

Holy ground,
I'm standing on holy ground
For the Lord my God
is here with me.

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Receiving God's Forgiveness

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
**and search our hearts
with the light of Christ.**

When we ignore what has been given and when fail to see all that you show us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

When we have not sought peace with those around us
and when we have not shared with others your word of love and peace.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Forgive us, O God, when your blessings have been squandered, ignored, misused or abused
by us.

Forgive us, O God, and in the silence of this moment, accept our confession.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

Psalm 32:16-22 (NIV)

¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
¹⁹ to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

Treasure Hunt

Luke 12:32-40 (NIV)

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Short Reflection

- Joy for free! Contra. 29 Sep 2008!
 - Treasure in heaven!
- Hearts engaged – staying awake!

Staying Awake

Song: It's Bubbling

It's bubbling in my soul.
There's singing and laughing
Since Jesus made me whole
Folks don't understand it
Nor can I keep it quiet
Coz it's bubbling, bubbling
Bubbling, bubbling,
Bubbling day and night.

Sharing Journeys:

Song: Jesus be the centre

Jesus, be the centre;
Jesus, be the centre,
Be my Source, be my Light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the Centre.
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre;
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.
Jesus, be the Centre.
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision,
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

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Our Prayers

Wows and Woes

Loving God,

thank you that we can be part
of your work on earth.

Thank you that we don't have to wait
but can join in right now.

Thank you that we can find and share
your heavenly treasure.

Thank you that your treasure lasts for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Song: Teach me to dance

Closing Prayer

Lord, go with us.

Help us to seek your treasure.

Help us to look for all you're doing right now.

Help us – by our example as much as by our words – to share your treasure and your
life-giving story with the people we meet this week.

Amen.

Closing Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us,
the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us, the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.