

Sunday 16th October 2022
(18th Sunday after Trinity)
Knowing the Word

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A moment to pause

- as we put aside the things that have been pressing on our minds in recent hours and days; and
- as we refocus our thoughts upon Almighty God and His Son, the Word.

Song: We believe in God the Father

A Time of Confession

**God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the waters of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us
nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy, we pray,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

A Prayer of Absolution

May the Almighty and Merciful God
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith

that, forsaking the errors that lie behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 forever. Amen

Song: Come let us sing

Gospel Reading

Luke 18.1-8

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea,

"Grant me justice against my adversary."

⁴ 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!"

⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

Intercessions

*We bring before God
issues of concern right now,
entrusting the resolution of
these issues to Him
so that we may
stay focussed upon Him
Prayers led by Sue Mellows*

The Lord's Prayer

We draw our prayers together in the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Song: The Lord's my shepherd

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹ 'The time is coming,' declares the Lord,
'when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their forefathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,'
declares the Lord.

³³ 'This is the covenant that I will make
with the people of Israel
after that time,' declares the Lord.
'I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbour,
or a man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,'
declares the Lord.
'For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.'

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ

Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Sermon

A Song of Response Jesus, restore to us again the gospel of your holy Name

Jesus, restore to us again
The gospel of your holy name
That comes with power, not words alone
Owned, signed and sealed from heaven's throne
Spirit and word in one agreed
The promise to the power wed

The word is near, here in our mouths
And in our hearts, the word of faith
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath
Jesus!

Your word, O Lord, eternal stands
Fixed and unchanging in the heavens
The Word made flesh, to earth come down
To heal our world with nail-pierced hands
Among us here you lived and breathed
You are the Message we received

The word is near, here in our mouths
And in our hearts, the word of faith
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath
Jesus!

Spirit of truth, lead us, we pray
Into all truth as we obey

And as God's will we gladly choose
Your ancient powers again will prove
Christ's teaching truly comes from God
He is indeed the living Word

The word is near, here in our mouths
And in our hearts, the word of faith
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath
Jesus!

Upon the heights of this great land
With Moses and Elijah stand
Reveal your glory once again
Show us your face, declare your name
Prophets and law, in you complete
Where promises and power meet

The word is near, here in our mouths
And in our hearts, the word of faith
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath
Jesus!

Grant us in this decisive hour
To know the Scriptures and the power
The knowledge in experience proved
The power that moves and works by love
May word and works join hands as one
The word go forth, the Spirit come

The word is near, here in our mouths
And in our hearts, the word of faith
Proclaim it on the Spirit's breath
Jesus!

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Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing

once again into our doors
From Celtic Daily Prayer