

Service for Caversham Park URC on Sunday 9 June 2024

Trinity 2, year B, proper 5

Preparing to hear God's Word

Welcome

Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

Lord Jesus, we come to you this morning, not as individuals, but as your whole people to worship you.

Help us to be aware of each other as an unbroken circle stretching right round this church.

May we in spirit, hands joined, look to you the centre of our circle and feel your love pulsing through us to reach out to our neighbours about us.

Help us to worship you today not selfishly and individually, but with a deep awareness of each other.

Amen.

Hymn - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven [MP560]

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Glorious and gracious God,
you are with us, and call us into your presence.
We lift our hearts in response to your love;
we raise our songs in praise of your goodness;
we offer our adoration in response to your holiness.

Summon us, voice of God
with words of challenge and power
calling us to courageous discipleship
and urgent witness.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Speak to us, breath of God,
with forgiveness for the many occasions
we have hidden behind weakness
belittling your power
and denying your presence.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Amen.

**Come, let us return to God,
singing songs of love
wonderful and true.**

**Come, let us turn to God
lamenting our sin
sharing our sorrow and shame.**

**Come, let us turn to our neighbours
confessing our wrong
seeking forgiveness and offering peace.**

**Come, let us turn ourselves
away from pride and envy
towards humility and service**

**Holy God, maker of all, have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor, have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.
May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

**Turn again, O God, and give us life;
that your people may rejoice in you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Give us again the joy of your help;
With your Spirit of freedom sustain us.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You are free.
The grace of God through Jesus makes you free.
Accept the grace of God.
Your sins are forgiven.
You are free.

Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Theme Introduction

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 for ever.

Reading from Scripture 1 Samuel 8.4-11, 16-20 *Pat*

Psalm 138 – read antiphonally

Reading from Scripture Mark 3.20-35 *Linda*

Hymn - The King is among us [MP650]

Sermon

(During sermon when referenced)
Poster about election hustings

Responding to God's Word

Hymn - There's a wideness in God's mercy [MP683]

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
Yet he laid no claim to equality with God,
But made himself nothing, assuming the form of a slave.
Bearing the human likeness. Sharing the human lot,
He humbled himself, and was obedient,
Even to the point of death. Death on a cross!
Therefore God raised him to the heights
And bestowed on him the name above all names,
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow-
In heaven, on earth and in the depths-**

**And every tongue acclaim
“Jesus Christ is Lord”,
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

The Offering

Loving God
You are more generous to us than we can grasp
because you breathe new life into us.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live it to the full.
This offering is one way we can thank you;
help us to find others ways, this coming week, as we go about our daily lives.
Amen.

Hymn or Song

Alleluia to the holy, everlasting loving God
(Sharing Jesus, Colin Ferguson, no. 2: 4 verses, tune
Blaenwern, MP449)

The Blessing

The LORD bless us and keep us;
the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.
My sisters, my brothers, may the Lord bless us.
Amen.

Poster about election hustings