

Morning Worship

27 September 2003

Opening Verse from Scripture I Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

Hymn

764 Christ from whom all blessings Flow

Prayers of adoration

Glory to the Father, the God of love, who created us;
who continually preserves and sustains us;
who has loved us with an everlasting love,
and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God for ever

Glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who, though he was rich, yet for our sake became poor,
and was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin;
who proclaimed the good news of the kingdom,
and was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross;
who was raised from the dead and is alive for ever,
and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in him;
who is seated at God's right hand in glory, and will come to be our *judge*.

Blessed be God for ever

Glory to the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
by whom we are born into the family of God,
and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us;
whose wisdom teaches us; whose power enables us;
who will do for us more than we can ask or think.

Blessed be God for ever

To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory for ever. Amen.

Prayers of Confession

All: Gracious God, we lay our selves before you:
the gracious and forbearing selves,
the bitter and unforgiving selves,
the selves of which we are proud,
the selves of which we are ashamed,
the selves expended in helping others,
the selves which need help.

We lay them before the depth of your mercy
and the breadth of your love.
Enable us so to receive your word to our need,
your touch to our wounds,
your forgiveness of our sins,
that we may be at peace with you,
ourselves and our brothers and sisters,
and rejoice in your unfailing love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness.

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sin,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

Hymn

250 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Offering

*Thank you to those who have already made their offering
through the bank by standing order.*



Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. Amen

Bible Readings

These may be found on your Bible Notes Sheet
Genesis 22:1-18 & Mark - 9:38-50

Sermon

Mr John Stubbs

Hymn

781 See how great a flame aspires (Tune: St George's Windsor)

Reading

A People Place

If this is not a place where tears are understood
Where can I go to cry?
If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing
Where do I go to fly?
If this is not a place where my questions can be asked
Where do I go to seek?
If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard
Where do I go to speak?
If this is not a place where you will accept me as I am I.
Where can I go to be?
If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow
Where do I just be me?

(attributed to William Crockett)

Prayer

All: Father, in the power of your Spirit,
enable us to build a place where love can dwell
and all can safely live as your children,
this day and always.
We pray through Christ, our ever-present Lord. Amen.

Hymn

770 Go forth and tell! O Church of God awake (Tune: Go forth)

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn

765 Come all who look to Christ today (Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Prayer

All: Calling, gifting God,
We would be whole
We would be holy.
Anoint us
Surprise us
Delight us
Renew us
Release your gifts in us
For one another and for you. Amen

Blessing