

Sunday 21st July, 2024 11.00 am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 127 O worship the King, all glorious above;

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, on lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 181 For the beauty of the earth,

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 5 For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
*Christ our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-117)

Isaiah, Chapter 57:14-21

Acts of the Apostles 2:37-47

Hymn 489 Come down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Divine
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weep with
loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (1434) translated * Richard Littledale (1833-1890)

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.

Hymn 739 The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 In toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious

shall be the Church at rest.

- 4 Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystical communion
with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)