

Sunday Worship at Home June 27th 2021 Trinity 4

Opening Prayers:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Lord, direct our thoughts and prayers
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Invitation to confession:

Hear the good news that the love of God is beyond measure
and you are included in that love.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord have mercy

Lord, you are loving to all:

Christ have mercy.

Lord, be with us in the times we fail:

Lord have mercy

May almighty God have mercy upon you,
forgive your sins and bring you to everlasting light. **Amen**

The Collect (Special Prayer for the day)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into
harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ **Amen**

Gospel Reading: Mark 5: 21-end

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat* to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So, he went with him and a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing* what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Reflection on the Gospel.

Our Gospel today tells two different, yet intertwined stories of people in need of Jesus’ healing touch. Jairus, a man whose daughter is ill, and the bleeding Woman. He is a parent. Her illness probably took that opportunity from her. He is a man of privilege and is given a name. She is an unnamed woman – a nobody. He is a religious leader. She is an outcast, ostracised by her religion. He is wealthy. She has spent every penny she ever owned on failed cures. He approaches Jesus with a formal request. She pushes her way forward without permission and secretly touches Jesus’ clothes. Their stories are extreme but nevertheless, they are connected. The woman has been suffering from haemorrhages for 12 years, the entire length of the sick child’s life. Both are desperate, both fall at the feet of Jesus and, most importantly, both show immense faith in Jesus. The woman and the little girl, through bleeding and death, were unclean in the Jewish law and in compassionately helping them, Jesus himself breaks the law. Jesus calls them both daughter and does not discriminate against or exclude either. Jesus welcomes everyone, no matter what their circumstances, where they come from, who they are or whatever their gender. Healing and the offer of salvation is restricted to just one thing – it has to be wanted and requested. Today’s participants in the gospel story both wanted it and searched out Jesus to find it, I pray we will always do the same. Amen

The Creed

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Be still and Pray: For your families and all those you love. For the Church throughout the world, especially those being ordained deacon and priest in our cathedral this week end and the churches in our Benefice; for those who attend services and those who are still shielding at home. For world leaders to govern with care. Pray for yourselves with all your joys and sorrows and those in our communities who are ill or recovering. Keep in your hearts the memory of those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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 trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever **Amen**

Blessing: The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing; and the blessing, of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, and all those you love, today and always.

Amen

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