

Eglwys St Ffagan, Aberdâr
St Fagan's Church, Aberdare

ALL SORTS SERVICE

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ENTRANCE HYMN

Be Thou my vision, O lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true heir;
Thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me Heavenward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven when battle is done,
grant Heaven's joy to me, bright heav'ns' sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GATHERING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Grace and peace be with you.

All: **And keep you in the love of Christ.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All remain standing. The Vicar introduces the theme of the service and invites everyone to call to mind the wrong things we have done and said.

All: **Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

1. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.

Chorus:

To God be glory for ever!

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. (x3)

2. Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.

Chorus:

3. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit.

Chorus:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.**

All sit for the reading

A READING: James 1. 17-27

A reading from the letter of James

Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, who does not change or cause darkness by turning. By his own will he brought us into being through the word of truth, so that we should have first place among all his creatures. Remember this, my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry. Human anger does not achieve God's righteous purpose. So get rid of every filthy habit and all wicked conduct. Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in your hearts, which is able to save you. Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice. If you listen to the word, but do not put it into practice you are like people who look in a mirror and see themselves as they are. They take a good look at themselves and then go away and at once forget what they look like. But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice – you will be blessed by God in what you do. Do any of you think you are religious? If you do not control your tongue, your religion is worthless and you deceive yourself. What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing the Gospel Anthem:

GOSPEL ANTHEM

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7. 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Priest: Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Pharisees and teachers of the Law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples were eating their food with hands that were ritually unclean – that is, they had not washed them in the way the Pharisees said people should. (For the Pharisees, as well as the rest of the Jews, follow the teaching they received from their ancestors: they do not eat unless they wash their hands in the proper way; nor do they eat anything that comes from the market unless they wash it first. And they follow many other rules which they have received, such as the proper way to wash cups, pots, copper bowls, and beds.) So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law asked Jesus, “Why is it that your disciples do not follow the teaching handed down by our ancestors, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?” Jesus answered them, “How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote:

‘These people, says God, honour me with their words,

but their heart is really far away from me.

It is no use for them to worship me,

because they teach human rules

as though they were my laws!’

“You put aside God's command and obey human teachings.”

Then Jesus called the crowd to him once more and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand. There is nothing that goes into you from the outside which can make you ritually unclean. Rather, it is what comes out of you that makes you unclean.” For from the inside, from your heart, come the

evil ideas which lead you to do immoral things, to rob, kill, commit adultery, be greedy, and do all sorts of evil things; deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride, and folly – all these evil things come from inside you and make you unclean.”

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All sit for the talk

All stand to say The Creed together.

THE CREED

I believe and trust in God the Father, who created all that is. I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind. I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God. I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

All sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The priest introduces The Peace and then says:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always:

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet each other with a sign of peace. During the next hymn a collection will be taken.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

Chorus:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King*

3. Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the end of day

Chorus:

2. Give me peace in my heart,
keep me resting
Give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart,
keep me resting.
Keep me resting 'til the end of day.

Chorus:

4. Give me light in my heart,
keep me shining
Give me light in my heart, I pray
Give me light in my heart,
keep me shining
Keep me shining 'til the end of day

Chorus:

THE THANKSGIVING

The priest takes the bread and wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is always right, wherever we are, to thank you and to praise you, God our Father and King for ever, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Through him you made us and the whole universe. When your Holy Spirit came to Mary, Jesus was born as one of us. He loved us so much that he died for us; on the first Easter Day you raised him to life; and death and evil were conquered for ever. At Pentecost, you gave the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised, to help us to live as your children. So here on earth, with the angels and archangels and with everyone in heaven we praise your name and sing:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy. Gracious Father, gracious Father, blessed is the one who comes to us in your name; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, gracious Father, gracious Father.**

We sit or kneel

Father in heaven, listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name; through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove, may this bread and this wine be for us Jesus' body and blood. Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died, he took the bread; he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.**

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose again, we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us. Send your Holy Spirit to be with us and all who share this bread and drink from this cup. Help us to trust you, bring us closer together and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

The priest sings: By him, with him, through him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours almighty Lord, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!

All sing: **Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Amen, Amen, Alleluia!
And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our
love, Amen, Amen, Alleluia!**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

All: **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.**

THE COMMUNION

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in one bread.**

All sing: **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy;
bearer of our sins, Lord Jesus, show us mercy;
Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the whole
world:
give us peace, Lord, give us peace, Lord.**

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

We go to the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands (3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands (3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands (3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands (3)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

We keep a time of silence after the hymns

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After the notices, all stand

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

All: **His love is everlasting .**

All: **God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you:

All: **And also with you.**

The priest gives a blessing.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

FINAL HYMN

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:

Chorus:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

Chorus:

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Chorus:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:

Chorus:

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:

Chorus:

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