

A Service of the Word for the Second Sunday of Trinity: Do not be afraid

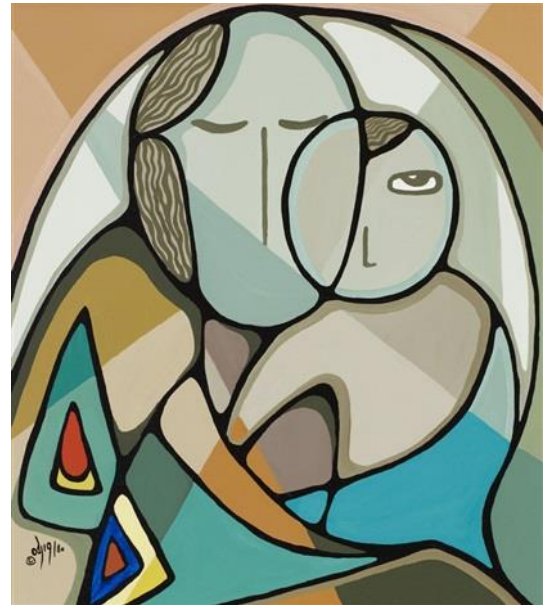
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn 538 O Jesus I have promised

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.



We confess that we have allowed fear to deaden our faith,
and deaden our hearts to the needs of those around us.

*'Do not be afraid', Daphne Odjig,
on Artnet*

God, who calls us to a change of mind, forgive us

We confess that we have too easily accepted labels given to others,
or participated in language of derision but we are afraid of people who are not like us.

Christ, who always recognised people rather than stereotypes, forgive us.

We confess that we have excluded or limited people,
and often been unwilling to see your gifts in everyone.

Holy Spirit, whose freedom calls us to fulness of life, forgive us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. *Romans 6.1b-11*

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer
and listen to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor any works like yours.
- 9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

- 10 For you are great and do wonderful things;
you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Second Reading

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Matthew 10.24-39

Address

Anthem: Morning glory, sunlit sky

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 81, Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Take all fear from your lives and strengthen you,
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and all those you love and pray for, now and for ever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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