

**Morning Prayer**  
**7th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity**  
**(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)**

*Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins  
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.

**The Word of God**

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

[The Lord] said to me, 'Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.' <sup>2</sup> As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup> He said: 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says." <sup>5</sup> And whether they listen or fail to listen - for they are a rebellious people - they will know that a prophet has been among them.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**New Testament reading: Mark 6:1-13**

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?' <sup>3</sup> Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.' <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. <sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.'

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### The Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever.  
Amen.

### Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for the new government*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world  
may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Collect

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."  
*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### **The Conclusion**

May the Lord open his eyes upon us day and night,  
may he tenderly spread out his care to protect us,  
may he stretch forth his holy right hand to bless us  
and pour into our hearts his Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*after Aelred of Rievaulx*

Let us go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:  
Mickley (BCP Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;  
Grewelthorpe (Holy Communion) and Winksley (Morning Worship) at 10.30 am;  
Sawley (Family Service) at 4.00 pm; and  
Dallowgill Chapel of the Resurrection (BCP Evening Prayer) at 6.00 pm.*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***