

Introit

Church Notices

Words of Welcome,

Good morning and welcome to worship.

Let us worship God

We open our worship this morning by singing our 1st Hymn

HYMN 96: You are before me God

Prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we come before You with heads bowed in reverence and awe. We are aware of the grace extended to us, that we, mere specks in the immensity of Your creation have not earned this privilege. Yet, in Your unfathomable love You invite us to come. We are in awe of Your creation in all its rich power and diversity, amazed that You offer humanity insights into it's working.

Lord we acknowledge that we do not earn the right to approach through our riches , intellect or positions of power , all are welcome in Your presence through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. That same Jesus taught us that human standards of importance do not matter to You. Instead, a contrite heart and a willingness to set self aside in Your service gain the reward of entering Your presence.

Heavenly Father, as we stumble along Your way help to keep us to the path of obedience that Jesus trod that we may continue to enjoy the glow of Your presence.

Amen

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Will Carey Newtonmore

Our first reading this morning: Mark 10: 17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

HYMN 189: Be still for the presence

Our second reading this morning : Hebrews 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but

we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ‘Father God, we worship you’.

Thought for Today

October is a month with a particular focus on tackling poverty. Sunday 17th October is the United Nations’ International Day for the eradication of Poverty and 4-10th October is Challenge Poverty Week. During this month we are asking every congregation in the country to look at poverty in their own community.

We always hear someone saying that some people have everything going for them. We heard in our reading from Mark's Gospel about the rich young man and this raises many questions about this young man? It says he came running – and we immediately think – What was his urgency? He knelt down – Why did he kneel ? His opening, “Good Teacher”- Did he really think that?

We also learn that he keeps the Commandments. Some answers to queries about the man and his motives lie with how Jesus reacts to his answer. When the young man is told “ To go and sell all your possession and give the money to the poor, and you will have true treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me. ’At this the man's face fell , and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. He already had many blessings but he wanted more. He did not come to give of himself but to gain for himself. There is always the danger of being possessed by things. Instead of owning things, they begin to own us and we become possessed by our possessions or some people are possessed by the lack of them.

Here was a man given a glorious opportunity; the same one that was offered to Matthew when he was at the tax desk; ‘Leave it all and follow me.’ Jesus invited this man to a great adventure, offered him the way to eternal life. But he went away grieving, and it is possible that he would grieve forever. Why did he grieve? Because he had many possessions’ He could not enter into the fullness of life because of the things that were around him. This is surely one of the most tragic stories of the Gospels. Are we sure we give ourselves to God and not just gifts and a bit of us. The reading we heard and have read from Hebrews , the opening words at verse 12 “ For the word of God is alive and powerful” Which poses the question who is this aimed at ? It is aimed at the Church reminding us all of the importance of God's word and the role it plays in the lives of everyone who belongs to the Church. It reminds us that to whom we are accountable

and the writer reminds us with these words at verse 14a since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God. The passage first directs towards God's word, then towards Jesus lest we become despaired by not being able to walk the path that God has set out. The writer of Hebrews gives us reassurance at verse 15: "This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all the same testing we do."

God has shared that experience of human frailty through the person of God's Son and knows the challenges faced. The closing words of verse 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it the most." Amen

HYMN: 562 Through the love of God

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION and The Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father we bring before You our loved ones. Father You know them intimately and what their circumstances are.

God our creator, we give you thanks for the mystery of life and the beauty of the earth. We remember in your presence all who strive to reveal your glory. We pray for churches throughout the world that seek to help in the care and protection of the environment. We ask your blessing on Church groups that work in areas of deprivation and with people that are counted as of little importance. We pray for all relief organisations and those working with the world's poor.

We give thanks for artists and craft workers, for musicians and all who enrich our lives by their talent and care. We ask you to bless all who, influence our future by the decisions by they make in governments or in multinational companies. We pray for the work of all who are involved in conservation and in Fair trade. We remember the unemployed and all who are denied human rights. We ask your blessing upon all oppressed and homeless people.

We pray for those in our community, for those who are suffering in the midst of this pandemic from isolation, anxiety, grief, all forms of abuse as we visualise the laying on of our hands may You fill them with Your grace.

We pray for those in our community who support those in need. Father You know who they are the carers, the doctors, the nurses, and all agencies who provide such support which is so precious vital in these times of need.

As we imagine laying on our hands may You fill them with an overwhelming sense of love. Lift their weariness and frustrations and help them persist in the midst of the challenges they face.

We pray together saying, 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 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: 738 Glorious things of Thee are spoken

At Kingussie-- Please look up Hymn 786, we sing this following the Benediction

BENEDICTION

Go in the peace of God, May the Lord bless you and guard you; may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

Amen