



The Benefice of  
Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme  
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## Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Richard leads us in our worship

### *Preparation*

We meet in the presence of God  
**Who knows our needs,  
Hears our cries, feels our pain  
And heals our wounds**

Call to Worship

Faithful one, whose word is life:  
Come with saving power  
To free our praise.  
Inspire our prayer  
And shape our lives  
For the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

### **HYMN**

Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.  
Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you,  
Through our own fault,  
In thought and word and deed,  
And in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
And repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
To the glory of your name. **Amen.**

## Absolution

The God of love and power  
Forgives you and frees you from your sins,  
Heals and strengthens you by his Spirit,  
And raises you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father;  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect

O God, the protector of all who put their trust in you,  
Without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
That with you as our ruler and guide  
We may so pass through things temporal  
That we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
Grant this, heavenly Father,  
For our Lord 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.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

## First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-end

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

**Thanks be to God for the gift of his word**

### 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.

**Thanks be to God for the gift of his Holy Word**

## HYMN

### Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our nature,  
died and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession led by Wendy Driver

#### **A Celtic Prayer**

We saw a stranger yesterday  
We put food in the eating place  
Drink in the drinking place  
Music in the listening place  
And with the Sacred Name of the Triune God  
He blessed us and our house  
Our cattle and our little ones.  
As the Lark says in her song:  
"Often, Often, Often goes the Christ  
In the Stranger's guise."

**Amen**

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and we share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

## Eucharistic Prayer H

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**In this Communion  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**The Body of Christ, keep you in eternal life**

*The Eucharistic Bread will be brought to you*

**The Blood of Christ, keep us in eternal life**

## **CONCLUSION**

**Closing Prayer**

Eternal God,  
Comfort of the afflicter and healer of the broken,  
By your Spirit you fill us with life and hope:  
Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
That all the world may acknowledge  
The kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make the light of his face shine upon you,  
The Lord be gracious to and give you his peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Out**

We go into the world  
To walk in God's light,  
To rejoice in God's love  
And reflect God's glory.  
**Amen.**