Trinity 2, Proper 7, 21.06.2020, All Age

*Matthew gives an overview of Jesus’ ministry – teaching, proclaiming the gospel and healing people. Then Jesus gives his disciples the commission and authority to replicate and extend this ministry more widely.*

**Welcome and introduction**

O God, we enter into your steadfast love, asking that you will respond to our prayers;  
we trust in your abundant mercy and ask that you will come to us.  
O God, make your presence known to us;  
draw near to us; redeem us, set us free;  
for we seek to be your faithful disciples.  
**Amen**.

**Hymn Come on and celebrate**

**Come on and celebrate  
His gift of love, we will celebrate  
The Son of God who loved us and gave us life  
We'll shout Your praise, O King  
You give us joy nothing else can bring  
We'll give to You our offering  
In celebration praise  
  
Come on and celebrate  
Celebrate, celebrate and sing  
Celebrate and sing to the King**

Prayer of Confession

We are sorry for the times we get our priorities wrong –  
when we do not put you first;  
when we fail to see the needs of our neighbours;  
when we lack the courage and faithfulness of true disciples.  
Grant us forgiveness;  
grant us perseverance;  
grant us vision;  
that we may serve you as you desire,  
and play our part in establishing your kingdom.  
**Amen**.

**The Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you your sins

and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**The****Collect***, the special prayer for today*

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Reading**

Matthew 10: 24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it 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!

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

Address

**Hymn When I needed a neighbour**

When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name won’t matter were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty were you there?

I was cold, I was naked were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there?

Wherever you travel I’ll be there, I’ll be there,

Wherever you travel I’ll be there.

**Bless the Gifts**

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us.  
as we offer you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be,  
praying that our church, and our mission,  
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life.

**Amen.**

**Prayers**

We pray for all who are involved in mission:  
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

For those who proclaim your gospel:   
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

For those who speak your truth:  
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

For those who care for the poor and the sick:  
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

For those who speak freedom in places of oppression:  
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

For those who keep the faith in war-torn countries:  
**Lord, keep them in your love.**

We remember those, too, who are nearer to home,  
reaching out to the communities around them.  
And we pray that we might be a church of mission,  
that each of us might be a missionary in our neighbourhood.  
Lord, you know each of us, and we are precious in your sight.  
Remember us, as we do your work in the world.  
**Lord, keep us in your love.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*We sing the* ***Lord’s* Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven HBTN**

**Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN**

**On earth as it is in heaven HBTN**

**Give us this day our daily bread HBTN**

**Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN**

**And lead us not into temptation HBTN**

**But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN**

**For ever and for ever and ever HBTN**

May you have discernment to see whom to serve.  
May you have wisdom to know how to serve.  
May you have strength to serve as a faithful disciple of the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you**

**Hymn Give thanks with a grateful heart**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"