



Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

5th September, 2021, 10.30 am, Trinity 14 – St Andrew's & St Alban's Churches

Opening Hymn

Introduction to worship: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Lord, your compassion is over all the earth. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Your loving kindness is for all, and brings healing to our souls. Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Your faithfulness is revealed from generation to generation. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Absolution

Gloria: (Said together): *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 sins 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.*

Collect: The Collect/Prayer for the Day.

First Reading: (James 2: 1-10; 14-17) My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Alleluia: *Pray for the Holy Spirit's grace to purify your hearts and minds. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading: (Mark 7: 24-37) The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. All: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And

immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers (At St Alban's) Lord in your mercy. *All: Hear our prayer*

Conclusion: *All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen*

The Peace The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *All: And also with you.*

Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power & might, heaven & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Celebrant: God's holy gifts, for God's holy people. *All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Prayer after Communion: *All: Almighty God; we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

Blessing The Lord be with you. *All: And also with you.*

Closing Hymn

Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *All: In the name of Christ. Amen.*_____

Notices.

Aid for Afghan Refugees coming to Greenwich and Lewisham. The Councils have now received enough donations for the time being. Thank you all for your generous support.

Mid-week Eucharist: Wednesday 8th September, St Andrew's, 10.00 am.

Morning Prayer: Friday 10th September, 9 am, on Zoom.

Sunday Club at St Andrew's: Sunday 5th September, during the 10.30 am service.

PCC Meeting, Tuesday Tuesday 14th September, 7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church. Please circulate due reports by the evening of Tuesday 7th September.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 26th September, 2021. Gifts of dry and packet foods for the Foodbank warmly welcome.

PCC Treasurer, from January 2022: If anybody would be interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Revd Ian..

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Pip Bampton, Tom Biro, Roger Welch, Chloe Sissons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King, Humphrey Butts, Everest Ungar, Eve Palmer, Baby Indigo, Elizabeth McKenzie, Mark Burkitt, Ivor and Anne Harper, John Symons, Victoria Adeniran, Mary Clotilda.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular: Revd Dave Warren, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.