

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# The Last Sunday after Trinity

Proper 25 Year B



*Bartimaeus receives his sight*

## The Parish Mass

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

10.15 am

(Greenwich Mean Time)

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*In Mark's mind* Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the kingdom, and of the fulfilment of the prophecies.

The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'Followed him along the road' doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. Mark intends us to understand that Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship.

It seems that the story was used in the early Church as an encouragement to believers and would-be believers. Bartimaeus served as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Keenly aware of his need and his helplessness, he places his hope in Jesus, and is not disappointed. In the same way, through faith in Jesus, they can have purpose, energy, and direction in their lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus leads to a happy and fulfilled life.

*It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following reflection/prayer, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:*

## Reflection

Father of light, in whom there is no trace of darkness,  
we thank you for the great gift of sight.  
Fill us with compassion for those who do not have it;  
direct the efforts that are made for their welfare;  
reveal to them the things which eye has not seen,  
and comfort them with the hope of seeing light everlasting;  
to which, in your great mercy, we ask you to bring us all.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Setting

Mass of the Altar of Life

*David Halls*

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## Collection – ‘Building a Generous Church’



### Our response to God’s generosity

We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share his generosity with others. A generous life is therefore a hallmark of our faith and a testament to it, as the more generous we are, the more we reflect the generous God we believe in. Generosity is, therefore, at the heart of our faith, and our own generosity is a sure sign of our faith in action. Generosity is a spiritual gift, and we need to encourage people to seek this gift as they grow in their faith. The ministry and mission of The Church of England is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it.

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Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



Our thanks are due to Anonymous Donor 5  
who has generously financed  
the production of this week’s service booklet.

# Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering

§ *At the sound of the bell, **all stand***

## Hymn

§ *The procession enters*

*All*

**ALL people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

Words William Kethe (died 1594)  
based on Psalm 100

Music Old Hundredth  
Genevan Psalter, 1551

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*All*     **Amen.**

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
*All*     **and also with you.**

*The service is introduced*

## Invitation to Confession

Today we meet a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus.  
When he met Jesus has said, 'Lord, that I may see.'  
This is a prayer we can make our own,  
because in some ways we too are blind.  
Indeed, at times we prefer blindness to seeing.

Let us ask the Lord to forgive our wilful blindness,  
and to help us to see better.

*Silence is kept*

## Confession

*All*     **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.**

## Kyries

Lord Jesus, you free us from the darkness of sin,  
and help us to walk in the light of grace:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

You free us from the darkness of error,  
and help us to walk in the light of truth:

Christ, have mercy.

*All*     **Christ, have mercy.**

You free us from the darkness of indifference,  
and help us to walk in the light of love:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon † and peace,  
now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*All*     **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

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

§ Sit



# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*Reader* A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Jeremiah 31.7-9

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Response Philip Moore

The Lord has done great things for us and we re-joiced.

*Choir* When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with songs of joy. **Response**

Then said they among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced. **Response**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds of the desert.  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with songs of joy. **Response**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them. **Response**

Psalm 126

## Holy Gospel

§ Stand

### Acclamation

1. *Choir only*  
2. *Choir and Congregation*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir* I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
*All* **Alleluia ...**

§ Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say,

'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 10.46-52

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Musical notation for the phrase "Praise to you, O Christ." The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The next measure contains a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The final measure contains a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, and a quarter note C6. The piece ends with a double bar line. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is placed above the first measure. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the notes.

Homily

§ Sit

The Nicene Creed

§ Stand

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

*All may bow*     **For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Priest*     Let us bring our needs to the Lord, confident that he will hear our prayers as he heard the prayer of Bartimaeus.

§ *Kneel*

*The response to each petition*

*Intercessor*     Lord, open our eyes  
*All*                 **to see the invisible.**

*After the final petition*

*Priest* Heavenly Father,  
you keep an account of our wanderings and a record of our tears.  
See that we follow not the wrong path,  
and lead us in the path of life eternal.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Sign of Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

### The Offertory

§ *The bread and wine are presented to the presiding priest at the dais step*

### Hymn

§ *A monetary collection is taken. Please give as you are able using any of the ways indicated at the front of this booklet. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

All

**TO** the name that brings salvation  
Praise and honour let us pay,  
**Which** for many a generation  
Hid in **God's** foreknowledge lay,  
**But** to every tongue and nation  
Holy Church proclaims today.

Jesus, be that name our treasure,  
Name beyond that words can tell;  
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,  
Ear and heart delighting well;  
Name of sweetness, passing measure,  
Freeing souls from sin and hell.

Name that calls for adoration,  
Name that speaks of victory,  
Name for grateful meditation  
In the vale of misery,  
Name for loving veneration  
By the citizens on high.

Name that whosoever preaches  
Makes sweet music to the ear;  
**Who** in prayer this name beseeches  
Finds divinest comfort near;  
Joyful then the heart that reaches  
To embrace that name so dear.

Name by hard-won right exalted  
Over every other name;  
And when man was sore assaulted  
Put the enemy to shame:  
Strength to them that else had halted,  
Sight to blind, and health to lame.

Jesu, we thy name adoring,  
Long to see thee as thou art:  
Of thy clemency imploring  
So to write it in our heart,  
That hereafter, upward soaring,  
We with angels may have part.

**Where thou reignest with the Father,  
Thou the everlasting Son,  
Where with the eternal Spirit,  
Threefold God, yet ever one,  
May our eyes behold the splendour  
When our earthly course is done.**

Words *Gloriosi Salvatoris, Antwerp Breviary* (1446)  
translated by John Mason Neale  
and the Editors of *The New English Hymnal*, 1986

Music Oriol  
Caspar Ett (1788-1847)  
*Cantica Sacra*, 1840

## Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, look on the offerings we make to the honour of your name,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.  
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

*All*      **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is ris-en: Christ will come a-gain.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight measures. The first measure contains the notes C4, D4, E4, F4. The second measure contains G4, A4, B4, C5. The third measure contains D5, E5, F5, G5. The fourth measure contains A5, B5, C6, D6. The fifth measure contains E6, F6, G6, A6. The sixth measure contains B6, C7, D7, E7. The seventh measure contains F7, G7, A7, B7. The eighth measure contains C8, D8, E8, F8. Dynamics markings are placed above the staff: *mf* above the first measure, *cresc.* above the second measure, and *f* above the seventh measure.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Virgin Mother of God,  
Matthew, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

All

A- men.

The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four measures. The first measure contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5. The second measure contains D5, Eb5, F5, G5. The third measure contains A5, Bb5, C6, D6. The fourth measure contains Eb6, F6, G6, A6. The notes are connected by a slur.

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung*

§ Kneel

## The Lord's Prayer

God has called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son.  
Let us pray to our heavenly Father as children of light:

*All*      **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

My flesh is food indeed,  
and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.  
*All*      **Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
dwell in me and I in them.**

## Agnus Dei

*All*      **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Giving of Communion

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

### Act of Reception

*All* In union, blessed Jesus,  
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

*(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)*

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,  
for creation and all the blessings of this life,  
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,  
and resurrection,  
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)*

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.

I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,  
my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## Motet

Because the Lord is my Shepherd

*Christopher Walker*

## Hymn

*All*

**BLEST** are the pure in heart,  
**For** they shall see our **God**,  
**The secret of the Lord is theirs,**  
**Their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens**  
**Our life and peace to bring,**  
**To dwell in lowliness with men,**  
**Their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul**  
**He doth himself impart,**  
**And for his dwelling and his throne**  
**Chooses the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we your presence seek**  
**May ours this blessing be;**  
**Give us a pure and lowly heart,**  
**A temple meet for thee.**

Words John Keble (1792-1866),  
William John Hall (1793-1861)

Music Franconia  
William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)  
adapted from the melody in Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)  
*Harmonischer Liederschatz*, 1738

§ *All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**Merciful God,  
you have called us to your table  
and fed us with the bread of life.  
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

*All* **IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest - to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*Words* Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

*Music* St Denio  
adapted from a Welsh song  
set to a hymn in John Roberts (1807-1876)  
*Caniadau y Cyssegre*, 1839

## Notices for the Community

§ Sit

## ¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

*All* The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## Solemn Blessing

*All* May your earthly journey be illuminated by the light of a steadfast faith.  
**Amen.**

*All* May the words of the psalmist come true for you:  
'Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.'  
**Amen.**

*All* And when your earthly pilgrimage is over,  
may Christ bring you to the light that shines for ever.  
**Amen.**

*All* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

All            The Mass is ended. Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Voluntary

Carillon de Longpont op 31 no 21            *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

- § *Please remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *Refreshments are being served in the parish centre, adjacent to the carpark. Do please join us.*

*This evening at 5.30 pm*

**BCP Evening Prayer**  
said in Quire

**Please take this booklet home  
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,  
and then re-cycle it.**

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