

**Sunday 29th August –  
Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**  
Led by Sue Nelms, LLM



**Opening words**

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

Way beyond all journeying,  
Truth behind all mystery,  
Life within all living:  
**We praise you.**

Salve for every soreness,  
Mender of every brokenness,  
Midwife of a better future:  
**We praise you.**

Ground of all being,  
Judge of all nations,  
Conscience of the universe:  
**We praise you.**

Maker, Redeemer,  
Confessor, companion,  
Befriender, inspirer,  
God beyond all names:  
**We praise you.**

**Hymn – To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Chorus:*

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Chorus*

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see.

*Chorus*

## **Confession**

Trusting in God's forgiveness,  
let us in silence confess our failings  
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

**Before God, with the people of God,  
We confess to our brokenness  
to the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others,  
and the life of the world. Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

## Hymn – Open my Eyes, Lord

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.	Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.	Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.	Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.	Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

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## Reading by John Barker

### Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’

## Reflection by Rev Alison Myers, Lordsbridge Team Rector

## **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession led by Deborah Spencer**

Heavenly Father who created us to be sisters and brothers in Christ, hear us as we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise and hear our prayers and intercessions for all those in need.

We thank you for the fellowship of the church family around us and as we gather in one of today's Team services may our worship not only honour you with our lips, but also with our hearts and minds. We pray particularly this morning for our Team Rector Alison as she prepared to move on from the Lordsbridge Team to her new role as Warden of Launde Abbey in the next few weeks. We thank you for the blessing she has been to us in so many ways and pray that she will continue to be a blessing to those people that she will serve in her new role. We pray also for Boyd, that he will also find your plan for him in the new location. We pray for the members of the Team who will be leading the process to select a new Vicar for the parishes of Hardwick

and Dry Drayton; give them wisdom and integrity during the process. We also pray for the person you are calling to join the team; that they will hear your voice and search us out.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God we pray for peace in the world especially in Afghanistan. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, thank you for our friends and neighbours and those around us with whom we live and share our daily lives. We thank you for all the joys and blessings of community life. Help us when we quarrel or fall out to quickly put things right and forgive one another.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we raise before you all people living with illness whether in body, mind or spirit. We thank you for their voices, their wisdom, their achievements and their love and pray that those who live with and share their lives with them stay strong. We thank you for our medical services at all levels, and pray that you will continue to give them the energy, knowledge and commitment to continue to care for us in these difficult times.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God we have shared with you our petitions, requests and thanksgiving so we now ask for the blessing of your presence in the week ahead. We pray that you will guide us, guard us and keep us safe in all we do and say.

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

### **The Lordsbridge Team Collect**

Lord God,

in your love you sent your Son.

In your grace you called us back to you.

In your mission you placed us where we are  
and formed us into a team.

Call us onward into your purposes and growth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 forever. Amen.**

### **Hymn: Hope of our Calling**

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;

By those who dared to share all Christ had done.

Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,

We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,  
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,  
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,  
From death's despair the gift of life restored;  
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,  
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;  
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;  
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,  
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,  
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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### **Closing Words**

May our communities be places of celebration and recreation,  
**Joyful places to find the Lord.**

May our communities be places of truth,  
**Safe places to be ourselves before God.**

May our communities be places of love,  
**Trusting places, nurturing places, learning places.**

May our communities be places of transformation and change,  
**Places to make us new, cleansing the doors of our perception.**

May our communities be places of protest,  
**Places to challenge the world in which we live.**

May our communities be places of intercession,  
**Thoughtful places, where others are lifted up to God.**

May our communities be places of experiment  
**Places of risk, places where thought and activity meet.**

May our communities be places of contemplation,  
**Places for vision, and a glimpse of God.**

May we hold fast to the vision  
that brought us to work and witness together  
as the Lordsbridge Team of Churches.

May we know the Father's calling and his gifting  
for this particular time, and in each of our places.

**May we be enriched and strengthened in our faith  
by our companionship as the people of Jesus Christ.**

By the Spirit's work amongst us and beyond us,  
may the kingdom of God come near.

**May we embrace the future for Lordsbridge  
with all that we have and are.**

And the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**