



Sunday Service

Sunday 28th June 2020

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have broken the power of sin and have sent the Holy Spirit so that we might know the peace of Jesus in our lives.

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, so that all may come to know your redeeming love, and take their place in your family through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bible reading

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus. Acts 3 : 11 - 20

Reflection : Why does this surprise you?

- From the world to Jesus – Christ centred sharing (v 11 – 16)
- The need to turn to Jesus (v 17, 18)
- The blessings of turning to Jesus (v 19, 20)
 - Sins wiped out
 - Refreshment through the Holy Spirit
 - Hope of heaven for ever

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Final prayer

Almighty and eternal God, your awesome majesty is beyond our imagination, and your Lordship is over all; help us in the confusions of this world to trust you and share your grace filled love without fear, today and for ever more.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Blessing

God our Saviour, help us to turn to you, to hold on to your promises and to live every day guided by your Holy Spirit.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever more. Amen.