



Sunday 10th October 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Service

Creation Care

The Collapse of Care

Genesis 3

Welcome, notices and introduction

Prayer

Words of Praise

Turn to us almighty God;

look down from heaven and see!

Renew us O Lord God almighty;

show us your mercy that we may be saved! Amen.

Song : No-one is good (Mighty, mighty Saviour)

Confession

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

Where we have wilfully misused your gifts of creation, be merciful, Lord:

forgive us and help us.

Where we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid, be merciful, Lord:

forgive us and help us.

Where we have condoned the lie in our society, and failed to achieve justice or compassion, be merciful, Lord:

forgive us and help us.

Where we have heard for ourselves the good news of Christ, but have not shared it with our generation nor taught it to our children, be merciful, Lord:

forgive us and help us.

Where we have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves, be merciful, Lord:

forgive us and help us.

O God, forgive us for our lack of love, and in your mercy make us what you would have us be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Children leave for their activities

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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.

**Songs : I will offer up my life
Everyone needs compassion**

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5** “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” **10** He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” **12** The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” **16** To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. **18** It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. **22** And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” **23** So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. **24** After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Talk : The Collapse of Care

Song : When I was lost

Affirmation

Let us declare our faith in God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of majesty, Trinity of love and power:

accept and make holy all that we are, all that we have, and all that we offer you.

Keep us firm in our faith and strong in your service; create in us a new heart, that we may respond to your great mercy: one God, our Saviour, now and forever. Amen.

Final prayer and Blessing

Almighty God, you have provided the resources of the world to maintain the life of your children, and have so ordered our life that we are dependent upon each other.

Bless us all in our daily work and, as you have given us the knowledge to produce plenty so give us the will to bring it within reach of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.