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***June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022***

Dear friends of St Clement and St Nicholas,

Anyone attending the churches on Sunday will have found the services being led by members of the congregation and not the communion services advertised on the letter. Firstly a thank you to everyone involved. Just a week ago we were chatting with a former member of St Clement who has moved to Northumberland and clearly congregation led services are the norm in many rural communities, with sometimes just a monthly visit from a priest.

A combination of Covid striking and planned time away reduced us from three to zero clergy and given the publication of the letter via e mail and Facebook we thought it better for privacy to keep the published service as normal.

We have had a standby service available just in case for much of the Covid saga and it is ironic that we haven't had to use it until the island returned to normal. Covid has also hit two of the election candidates in our parish. Do make the most of the democracy we are privileged to enjoy and vote.

We wish everyone who is under the weather a speedy recovery.

David

**St Clement Church 10.30am Family Service June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Morning has broken.** <https://youtu.be/K-QZRsrO06A>

**Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the world!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning  
God's re-creation of the new day!**

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Praise for the singing!  
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**The Welcome and Bible:** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory. **Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting. **The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord. **O praise the name of the Lord!**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us.

**Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us declare our Faith in God

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

You are the King of Glory <https://youtu.be/6C0-dkK8cnQ>

**You are the King of Glory**

**You are the Prince of Peace**

**You are the Lord of Heav'n and earth**

**You're the Son of righteousness**

**Angels bow down before you**

**Worship and adore, for**

**You have the words of eternal life**

**You are Jesus Christ the Lord.**

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

*Hosanna to the King of Kings*

*Glory in the highest heaven,*

*For Jesus the Messiah reigns.*

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**The First reading is taken from Psalm 16, beginning to read at the first verse  
( Psalm 16 1- 11)**

<sup>1</sup> Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." <sup>3</sup> I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." <sup>4</sup> Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading.

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord (Luke 9 51-62)

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them<sup>[b]</sup>?" <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." <sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

**Reflection David:** None of the above was a little used phrase until recently. It has become controversial in recent weeks. There is even a campaign in one parish for people to put their mark in that box. Apathy, laziness or absent mindedness can explain most of the failures to vote. 'None of the above' brings a new feature, a sort of protest vote which seems to be totally negative. We often use language similar to an election in writings about being part of God's family. The "chosen ones", "the elect". There is a danger that the language suggests we deserve to be chosen by God. In fact it is the very opposite. Based on merit then 'none of the above' would win every time but the Kingdom of Heaven is based on love. Jesus loving us despite our faults. In the election of Heaven we are invited confess to God all the reasons why we do not deserve to be chosen. There is no limit to the boxes on the ballot paper and Christ puts his cross against every name.

Wednesday is an important day for the island, whatever the result may we pray for all those elected that they may govern with wisdom and integrity.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind <https://youtu.be/bsCLNuU6Td0>

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-Clothe us in our rightful mind  
In purer lives thy service find  
In deeper rev'ence praise  
In deeper rev'ence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian Sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity  
Interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness  
Till all our strivings cease  
Take from our souls the strain and stress  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire  
Speak through the earthquake  
Wind and fire  
O still small voice of calm  
O still small voice of calm!

**The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy      **All: Hear our Prayer**

**Intercessions** Spirit of the living God, come fill us, that we may live in joy and peace and that our lives may show the gifts of patience, kindness and generosity; that we may live in faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We give thanks for the potential you place into each one of us. Pray for people who do not feel they have any worth ... pray for them to have an understanding of how precious they are.

Pray for all who feel called to govern, for all in positions of authority or influence, that they may use their positions with compassion and wisdom.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and for all living their lives against a backdrop of violence and atrocity.

Pray for those who are newly elected to our government – for energy, for courage and patience to understand the many and varied subjects put before them. Pray for their families and all who support them.

Pray for all who enrich our communities. Give thanks for all who volunteer their time for others.

Pray for people you know who are frustrated with life, especially those who feel their energies slipping and are no longer able to enjoy life. Spend time praying for all in nursing homes and those looking after them.

Remember the sick and the suffering. Pray for the lonely and friendless.

Give thanks for loved ones no longer with us and pray for those who are newly bereaved. May the comfort they need be with them to strengthen and give them hope.

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**The Lord's Prayer: 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 forever and ever. Amen**

Bind us together Lord <https://youtu.be/IHJJzD46-qU>

*Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together in love.*

There is only one God,  
There is only one King,  
There is only one Body,  
That is why we can sing.

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**The Grace** May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen

All our problems      **We send to the cross of Christ**  
All our difficulties    **We send to the cross of Christ**  
All the devils works   **We send to the cross of Christ**  
All our hopes          **We set on the risen Christ**

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