

St Paul's Church, Ansdell and Fairhaven

3 October 2021, 10:30am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

A Service of the Word

Greeting

Grace and peace
from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome

Listen! Wisdom cries aloud

**making truth and justice heard,
calling to the careless crowd
with the strong insistent word:
'Turn from foolishness and lies:
come, and I will make you wise!'**

**Not the finest diadems
crowning earth's most powerful kings,
not the purest gold or gems
match the wealth that wisdom brings;
those who rule by wisdom's law
wisdom's riches shall explore.**

**When the heavens lay dark and cold,
while the universe was young,
wisdom saw God's plans unfold
where no angel yet had sung;
but one night in Bethlehem
angels told the world his name.**

**Christ, before all time began
working at his Father's side,
Word of truth, becoming man,
Christ, our wisdom crucified;
wisdom for our scene of shame,
powerful from the dead he came.**

**Wisdom, still the angels' theme:
all that lives, take up the sound!
Wisdom, King of kings supreme,**

**reigning, glorified and crowned:
Christ our prize and great reward,
Christ our wisdom, Christ our Lord!**

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Confession

'Do you not know that the unrighteous
will not inherit the kingdom of God?
And such were some of you:
but you were washed,
but you were sanctified,
but you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus
and by the Spirit of our God.'

1 Cor 6:9a, 11

Let us confess our sins.

You call us to be united;
but there are divisions among us.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You call us to receive your wisdom;
but we have sought the wisdom of this world.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You call us to boast in you alone;
but we have boasted in ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (p.1145)

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find.
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Sermon

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I find a place to stand;
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me,
hold wounds which tell me, "Come."

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
my unworthy soul is won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
see the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus,
the path before the crown—
we follow in His footsteps
where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
we will gladly live our lives.**

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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

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green.
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

***And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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