

At Home

Order of Service

Sunday 19th of June 2022

This Sunday's theme

“Healed - inside and out”

In our worship today on this First Sunday after Trinity let us remember that the love of God for his people and for his church knows no limits. The Psalmist talks of God's love reaching up to the heavens and his justice to the depth of the ocean, and yet he blesses us as individuals with the gifts of his Spirit so that his Church, his people might be a light in this place, to his glory.

[Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour - Peterborough Cathedral - YouTube](#)

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.

Thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread!

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Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou art here, we ask not how.

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Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou was slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cleansing souls from every stain.

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Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Risen, ascended, glorified!

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Father God, we bring our offering of worship and with it the service of our lives through this coming week. May we go from this place knowing that we have met with you and been blessed by your Spirit, to live and work to your glory. Amen

We are drawn to your feet in worship

Your creation facing its creator

Hearts laid bare by your light Humbly asking for your mercy.

We come to you as a people in need of assurance and forgiveness. We come to you as a people in need

of healing and wholeness. We come dependent upon your love.

Draw us close. Enfold us in your arms. Fill us with your Spirit

that we might reflect your light within this dark world, speak your Word with boldness and draw others to your feet.

We ask this through your dear Son Jesus Christ.

Amen

Living God whose Word became flesh in Jesus and whose Spirit of Truth speaks into our hearts all honour and glory and worship belong to you. As our praises pronounce your wonder may our lives overflow with love, that our words and deeds might tell of your goodness and declare your infinite grace. **Amen.**

Confession

Gracious God with gratitude and gladness we hear your promise of liberation: that in Christ we are forgiven and set free, and restored to serve you. Thanks be to you, Living God!
Amen.

Collect, God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,^[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³²A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷Then all the people of the region of the

Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

The following is an imagined monologue by the man in the Gospel story.

I hope you like my suit. It is a fine piece of clothing and I am proud to wear it. I always try to look my best these days. It wasn't always so, which is why some people are still a little suspicious of me.

I also have a very nice house – which, again, was not always the case. And I'm a vegetarian.

But I am starting at the end rather than the beginning. Let me describe what I used to be like. I didn't shave. I didn't wash. I didn't cut my hair. I didn't even wear clothes. Fortunately, there is no photographic evidence to show you. I lived in a cave in Gerasene territory, not far from the Sea of Galilee.

I am convinced that God sent Jesus to me. As soon as he got out of the boat, I knew who he was. I shouted out to him 'Jesus Son of the Most High God, do not torment me.' Even as I was speaking, Jesus was calling the evil out of me. 'What is your name?' he asked. I said, 'Legion.' When I say 'I said', the voice came from me but I didn't think I was speaking. 'Don't send us to the abyss,' the voice continued, 'send us into the pigs.'

Then I felt different. I was embarrassed that I was naked. So I found a blanket and covered myself up. Jesus sat on a rock, and I just sat at his feet and listened to him. As he talked, I saw this herd of swine racing down the hillside and into the lake. They never stopped. They just ran and ran and then...well, they all drowned.

As you can imagine the swineherds were not pleased. First they went into the town, and then they returned. I thought they were looking for trouble, but something stopped them when they saw me and Jesus. It was as if they were afraid. They begged Jesus to go away. So he got into the boat with his friends.

I wanted to go with them, but Jesus wouldn't let me. He told me I should go home and tell people what God had done for me. So that's what I'm doing. That's what I am trying to tell you. Through Jesus, God healed me... and he transformed my life.

[Breathe on Me, Breath of God - YouTube](#)

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Generous God, you have nourished us with your word. Take us, bless us and send us, that our lips be touched with the gentleness of your peace; that our hearts burn with your passion and integrity; that our lives declare the good news of your love for the whole creation, in the name of Christ, **Amen**

Faithful God whose Word does not return empty but accomplishes all that you purpose, may your blessings fall like rain to water the earth, nourishing seed for our food, and filling us with the abundance of your love, through Jesus Christ your living Word. **Amen.**

[HILLSONG - Happy Day \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten, You have rescued me
Sing it out, Jesus is alive

The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, You have won the day
Shout it out, Jesus is alive
He's alive

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day

I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
When I stand in that place
Free at last, meeting face to face
I am yours, Jesus, You are mine
Endless joy, perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate, Jesus is alive
He's alive

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

Oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
Oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious name
Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

[The Blessing](#)

This earth, full of your glory, praises your name through unspoken words of beauty and peace, reveals your love through hand of stranger and gift of grace. This earth, full of your glory, praises your provision through living water and food to eat, reveals your Word through daily blessings and breath of life. This earth, full of your glory, praises your name. As we feast on your Word of Life may the blessing of God, ever three and ever one, be upon us, now and always. **Amen.**