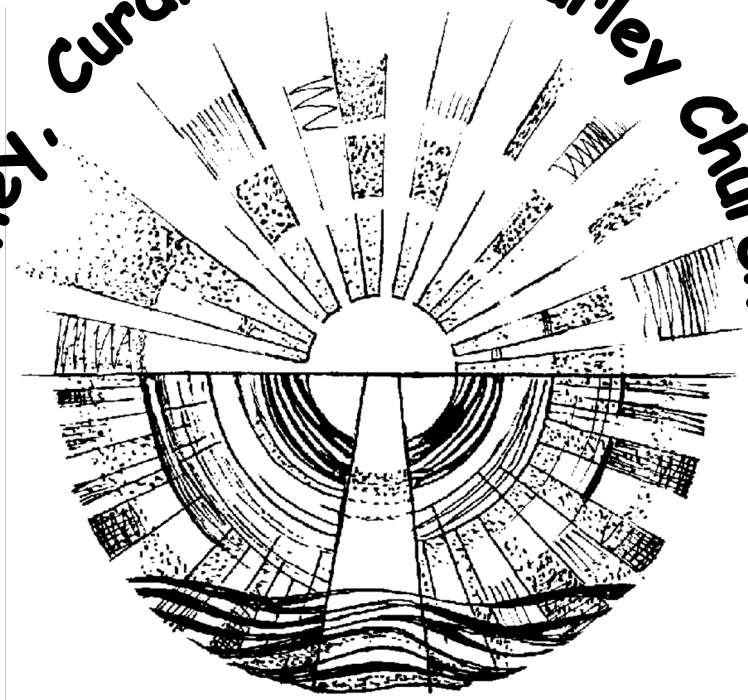


**Botley, Curdridge and Durley Churches**



**7th Sunday  
after  
Trinity**

# Ordinary Time

## Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

**ALL and also with you.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**ALL nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

**ALL fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**ALL bring strength, healing, and peace.**

## The preparation

**ALL Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In baptism we died with Christ,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead,

we might walk in newness of life.

As we acknowledge our sins  
let us receive new life in him.

You prepare a place for us;  
**ALL yet we refuse your invitation.**  
Lord have mercy.  
**ALL Lord have mercy.**

Your table is open to all;  
**ALL yet we keep it for ourselves.**  
Christ have mercy.  
**ALL Christ have mercy.**

Your welcome makes no distinctions;  
**ALL yet we are trapped by fear.**  
Lord have mercy.  
**ALL Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**ALL Amen.**

Let us pray:

God of the storm's still eye:  
when we are overwhelmed  
by pressures and demands  
which cut us off from life,  
take us to a place apart  
where we might find again  
our true heart's centre,  
our far horizon,  
the silence that awaits  
a world where we can breathe;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who brings us near to you.

**ALL Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**A reading from the letter to the Ephesians**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. -->

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

(Ephesians 2.11-22)

This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Reading

Hear the Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**ALL Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

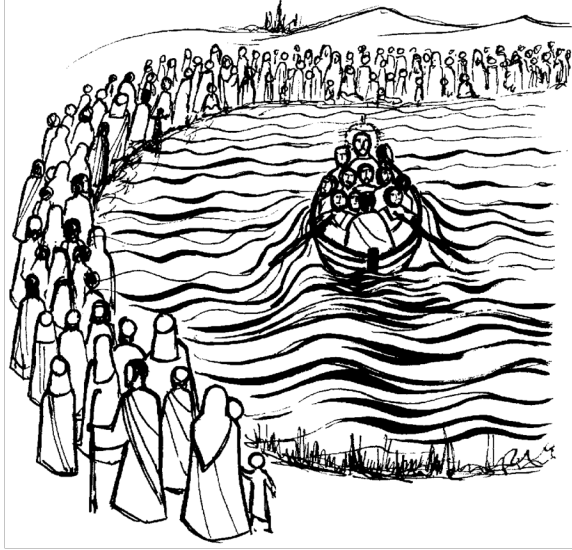
And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

(Mark 6.30-34,53-56)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**6 ALL Praise to you O Christ.**

# Sermon



## The Prayers

Lord in your mercy.

**ALL Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

**ALL Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the God  
is invitation and inclusion,  
drawing us into the harmony of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**ALL and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Entrust your life  
to the Lord of the open spaces  
and the time of adventure;  
to the love that sustains us  
through feast and famine.  
Let God's hope be a compass in your heart  
guiding you to where you belong;  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the holy spirit

ALL Amen.



Go in peace to mend what is broken,  
to unite what is divided  
and to live the gospel.

**ALL In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
there is no greater thing.*

*You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.
3. Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life,  
and to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.





