

# Douglas Union with Frankfield

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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A SHORT SERVICE TO BE USED AT HOME

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*(Where two or more people are gathered for worship the sentences in **bold type** are read by all)*

### **HYMN 350 - For the beauty of the earth (Verses 1, 4 & 6)**

#### **The Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

Grace, meaning 'favour' or 'gift' (translating the Latin *gratia* and the Greek *charis*) refers to God's unconditional love for the world, shown in the gifts he gives to the human race – life, food, intelligence, friendship and, above all, forgiveness and the new life in Christ. None of these things are earned or deserved. They are simply gifts – to be received humbly and gratefully. Our collect for today reminds us of the need for God's grace as we meet in our homes for worship and prayer.

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing:

**it is the gift of God.** (*Eph. 2:8*)

God's love has been poured into our hearts

**through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.** (*Rom. 5:5*)

#### **PRAYER**

**Gracious God, as we gather in our homes to worship you,  
make us thankful for your special gifts, aware of our many failings,  
humble to receive forgiveness, and open to the Holy Spirit  
who fills us with your life and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **HYMN 618 (verses 1&2) - Lord of all hopefulness.**

#### **Penitence**

The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all. (*Titus 2:11*)

As we celebrate the grace and goodness of God, we remember our sins and weaknesses:

Father God, we confess that we often take the gifts of your creation for granted, and use them chiefly to further our own interests.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Saviour Christ, we confess that we often give in to the selfish desires of our hearts, and the uncaring ways of the world.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, we confess that we often close our minds to your influence, and fail to bear good fruits in our lives.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son  
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:  
Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

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

### **Psalm 100**

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

**HYMN 608 - Be still and know that I am God.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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 OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray to you our Father in heaven: We give thanks for your grace that bestows on us many gifts of life and love, forgiveness and fortitude. We pray for all Christians in our local communities and giving thanks for our ecumenical links and fellowship.

**Renew us with the Holy Spirit.**

We give thanks for all that we receive through the ministry of the Church and we pray for all who are working to prepare our church buildings for the resumption of public worship.

**Inspire Paul our Bishop, all clergy and lay ministers who serve your people.**

We give thanks for Christ's call to follow him, and to bear witness to God's Kingdom.

**Give us boldness to stand up for our beliefs, and perseverance in the service of others.**

We give thanks for our country, our President and those who have authority in this and other nations. Guide those who are working to form our government at this time.

**Strengthen all leaders to serve the people with integrity, wisdom and faithfulness.**

We give thanks for people of goodwill and high principles, those who help us to overcome the many barriers that divide people.

**Bless all who promote justice and reconciliation throughout the world.**

We give thanks for this astonishingly beautiful and bountiful world with all its rich variety of life.

**Give us the determination to protect it from abuse and to conserve scarce resources.**

We give thanks for the support and care of our families and friends. We pray for those who have returned to work in recent days, those who are preparing to return and those who are anxious about their business and employment.

**Enlarge our love to include those who are lonely or troubled.**

We give thanks for what health we have as we pray for all medical staff and carers.

**Bring healing, patience and hope to those who suffer pain and infirmity.**

We give thanks for those who have died, and pray for those left behind, particularly those who have not been able to grieve properly with family and friends due to funeral restrictions.

**May we, with them, have a place in your eternal Kingdom.**

Merciful Father, **accept all these prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN 618 (verses 3&4) - Lord of all hopefulness.**

#### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given  
to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

**Organ Music: Introduction- L. Boëllman**