

Central 19th June 2022 at 10.45

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome/Notices

Steward

Opening Prayer

Hymn StF 24: Come now is the time to worship

Offertory dedicated

Hymn StF 354: Jesus is the name we honour

Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Video: Jesus heals Legion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spoie6BrO40>

Hymn StF 655: We cannot measure how you feel

(Young people leave for Junior Church during the hymn)

Bible Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29 (NIVUK)

Reader

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Short Introduction to Gospel Reading

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39 (NIVUK)

Reader

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When 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. ²⁸ When 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!' ²⁹ For 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.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

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

³² A 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. ³³ When 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.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and 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 the town how much Jesus had done for him.

Reflection: Return home and tell!

Prayer of Confession

Hymn StF 398: There's a spirit in the air

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn StF 407: Hear the call of the kingdom

Closing Prayer

The Grace