

# **Proper 9 | Ordinary 14**

# **3rd July 2022**

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# **Call to Worship**

 As we come out of the ordinary into this sacred space

**We bring our praise and worship to God.**

As we leave behind the everyday a seek the extraordinary

**We bring our praise and worship to God.**

Forgetting our pride, coming in humility

**We bring our praise and worship God.**

From the place of comfort to the edge of newness

**We come to praise and worship God.**

**Prayers of Approach & Confession**

God, of all that is and is yet to be

We thank you for this amazing world in which we live

For the diversity of the whole of creation

For the ways in which we can experience

what you have made through our different sense.

We praise you that you encounter your people,

In every age, in every place, in every setting

We praise you that you make no distinction between one person and the next

And that we are all made on your image.

We praise your faithfulness to those who have gone before us,

For your faithfulness to us today, and we trust in your faithfulness for tomorrow

God your love knows no bounds and your mercy know no limits

You embrace us and offer forgiveness and healing to all.

God, forgive us for the ways that we discriminate and exclude,

consciously or unconsciously.

Forgive us for the limits and conditions

we set on your love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Forgive us for our lack of imagination

that reduces you to simply what we can perceive.

Forgive us when we take without thinking

and forget to share without counting.

Fill us with Lord, with your peace and mercy

Free us from the destruction of our behaviour

and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen

**Words of Forgiveness**

# Peace!

# Peace is what we receive from God

# when we know our sins are forgiven

# Peace is what we have when we know

# we are not alone through the ups and downs of life’s journey

# In Jesus, we have received forgiveness

# and we have been restored to newness of life.

# So, peace be with you.

# Thanks be to God

# Amen.

# **A Prayer of Illumination**

# Your Word, O Lord, is our inspiration and our light

# holding wisdom and insights, challenged and comfort.

# Guide us today, as we listen to your Word

# read and proclaimed

# fill us with understanding

# and the desire to change,

# Speak Lord! Your people are listening. Amen

# **Readings**

# *2 Kings 5:1 – 14*

**Sermon Notes**

Somethings to think about when approaching this story

* The story in 2 Kings 5:1 – 14 has many characters, some with power, some who would seem powerless. It is not the people with power who make a difference in this story.
* Think about the different reactions – the maidservant, the king of Israel, Elisha, Naaman and Naaman’s servant. Are these the reactions you would expect and what does the way they react say about the different characters in the story.
* Possible pick one of the characters and consider telling the story from their perspective – the maid servant, Naaman, Elisha or Naaman’s servant would be interesting characters to explore in this way.

# **An Affirmation of Faith**

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 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.

 *(The Apostles’ Creed)*

# **Prayers of Intercession**

# These are topics that are raised by the reading and could be expanded for prayers

# Pray for:

# Victims of war

# Those who are trafficked

# Those who have no or limited access to water

# Those whose voice is silenced by others

# Those who are judged by their appearance

# Those who have power and do not use it to make the world a better place

# **Offertory Prayers**

# God, you have called us to be your people in this place

# You have given us so much,

# Let us now take time to respond with gratitude

# and share what has been given to us.

# Generous God,

# For all that you have given us, we thank you.

# Accept our offering, as a token of our love and gratitude.

# Use our money, our time and our talents,

# to build your Kingdom in this place,

# that others may come to know you are a God who saves.

# In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

# **Blessing/Sending**

# As we go from this time of worship into a time of service,

# speak to us in the different places we go

# and through the different people we encounter

# as we seek to do your work.

# Let us go in the name of

# God our creator

# Jesus our saviour

# and the Holy Spirit, our challenger

# Amen.

# **Hymn Suggestions**

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| **Hymn** | **RS** | **StF** | **CH4** | **MP** |
| Praise my soul the king of heaven | 104 | 83 | 160 | 560 |
| Immortal invisible, God only wise | 67 | 55 | 132 | 327 |
| Be still and know that I am God |  | 18 | 755 | 48 |
| The Kingdom of God is justice and joy | 200 | 255 |  | 651 |
| In heavenly love abiding |  | 736 | 551 | 331 |
| There’s a wideness in God’s mercy | 353 | 416 | 187 | 683 |
| Make me a captive Lord | 505 |  | 534 | 455 |
| Speak O Lord, was we come to you  |  | 161 |  |  |
| *Key:* *RS = Rejoice and Sing, StF = Singing the Faith, CH4 = Church Hymnary 4, MP = Mission Praise* |

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