Dear friend
I am pleased to enclose the virtual service sheet for Sunday (Second Sunday after Trinity), prepared by Judith with reflection by Preb Jan.

Monday at 9 is re-starting as a virtual service via Zoom. If you would like to take part, please contact Martin Ward at mward0079@gmail.com before Sunday evening and he can send the link to the service beforehand.

Today's hymn/song is In Christ Alone by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. Many thanks to Martin, who has unearthed this delightful version, set in the foothills of the Himalayas!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=887jcen5Pec

The beginning of Psalm 86 brought to my mind the following setting of v1 of Psalm 102, where all the voices gradually join in with their impassioned pleas – a favourite introit for cathedral choirs, Hear my Prayer by Henry Purcell, sung by Voces 8:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OISUntqbXvc

Looking for vocal settings of Psalm 86 itself I came across the following by Gustav Holst, which was new to me. He intersperses the first few verses with a hymn by James Bryan and has based it on the plainsong chant for the psalm:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pCjWFw4HPY

and finally, for a time of quiet reflection, Nada te turbe from the Taizé Community:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go1-BoDD7CI

All best wishes
Chris

21st June 2020 10am Second Sunday after Trinity

Give us grace, O Lord, not only to be hearers of the word, but doers also; not only to be lovers of your gospel, but also those whose lives are transformed by it; not only to be those who profess our faith, but also those whose lives proclaim it, day by day; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Thomas Brecon(1513-1567)*

CONFESSION Lord, forgive us when we listen but do not hear; when we look but do not see; and when we feel but do not act; and by your mercy and grace draw us into the righteous deeds of your kingdom of justice and peace. *(Maria Hare)*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen

COLLECT Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS Psalm 86: 1-10,
Genesis 21: 8-21, Romans 6: 1-11,
Matthew 10: 24-39

REFLECTION

As the early Church grows, so does the persecution of Christ's followers. Interwoven with this are the turbulent times in the occupied Holy Land. In the Gospels, Jesus warns there will be difficult times. He does not promise an easy life, far from it. Standing firm for the kingdom values can and does produce division. Jesus reiterates the great biblical theme, 'Have no fear. Do not fear.' In a world that is full of troubles, of dark times, it is easier said than done. In the face of fear, hope can well diminish. The challenges may appear to overwhelm us. Jesus says that if God notices the actions of a little sparrow, will he not care all the more for us? In all we do let us be aware and know that the presence and love of God is with us at all times.

PRAYERS *'Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.'*

Lord, we pray for our world; for all who suffer for any reason; for those affected by illness, fear, hunger, poverty or because of some disaster.

A prayer from the Middle East: O Lord Jesus, stretch forth your wounded hands in blessing over your people, to heal and restore, and to draw them to yourself and to one another in love.

We bring before you the names of those we are praying for each day…….
fill them with your healing love, we pray.

We thank you for your daily loving care of us and of those we love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in your chosen version)

WE SHARE THE GRACE…

FINAL PRAYER Lord, we pray that you will direct and guide our path this week and renew in us a sense of your presence in all things and in all places. Amen
(Loraine Mellor)