Dear Friend,
I am pleased to enclose the virtual service for Sunday, prepared by Judith.

Here are a couple of hymns reflecting the gospel reading:

'Immortal Love for ever full', sung to Bishopsthorpe by Trinity College choir, Cambridge, conducted by Richard Marlowe (with descants), lyrics provided to sing along:
https://youtu.be/eMLvVYFxCT0

'Brother, sister, let me serve you', sung/played by the Northumbria Community, lyrics provided:
https://youtu.be/07FBSrx5Oq4

Judith has suggested 'Sometimes I feel like a motherless child', sung by the inimitable Paul Robeson:
https://youtu.be/KiJx1Hbn_KM

Here is the first part of the renaissance composer Ludwig Senfl's setting of 'De profundis clamavi' (psalm 130), with rolling score for choristers to join in:
https://youtu.be/ybbmsCxVq20?list=RDybbmsCxVq20

Finally, a couple of worship songs sourced by Martin:

Zach Williams, 'No Longer Slaves', composed by Jonathan Helser, Joel Case and Brian Johnson, "I am no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God. From my mother's womb, you have chosen me, Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family, Your blood flows through my veins".
This remarkable clip of worship at Harding Prison, Nashville, Tennessee:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDnA_coA168

'Boldly I Approach', Rend Collective (OFFICIAL LYRIC VIDEO). Often used as a communion song:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y&list=PLZMnj0r2P0r12WOcUm5Ae2o0LVZpynhk

Every blessing,
Chris

Service sheet for 6th June – Trinity 1

O God, when I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home, help me to remember, with all true believers, that we are always and everywhere held safe in your embrace, sheltering us and your worldwide family under the wings of your everlasting mother-love. Amen.
(Pauline Webb)

CONFESSION

From the cowardice that dare not face new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, Good Lord, deliver us. *(Prayer from Kenya)*
May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (CW)

COLLECT

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS Genesis 3: 8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:19b-end.

REFLECTION Jesus, now pursued by an ever more enthusiastic crowd, has chosen his band of helpers. The crowd is enormous – Mark lists the places from where they have travelled. They have heard of the marvels Jesus has performed and they are hungry for more. His family, like some of the followers, think he has gone mad, and the scribes accuse him of being in league with Satan; this is the only way they can explain the casting out of demons – as we might say, 'it takes one to know one' – that's the scribes' theory, anyway. They have gone too far: Jesus tells them that they are in danger of 'blaspheming against the Holy Spirit', a sin which cannot be forgiven. The scribes can't see that it is only the Holy Spirit which has the power to work *against* evil: Satan isn't going to destroy himself. Then, Jesus, confronted by the crowd calling him to meet his family, says what some find extraordinary. 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' Isn't it wonderful to know that *we* are welcomed and embraced as God's family members? Paul says, 'Grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God'.

PRAYERS

Jesus our brother, you followed the necessary path and were broken on our behalf. May we neither cling to our pain where it is futile, nor refuse to embrace the cost when it is required of us: that in losing ourselves for your sake, we may be brought to new life. (Janet Morley)
We pray for the peace of the world; for stability where there is unrest; for the end of hostilities where there is war; for relief for all who are hungry, homeless or fearful.
O Lord, we pray that people of all faiths may enjoy freedom to listen to one another in humility, and that the Church may perform a reconciling ministry in a world divided by suspicion and misunderstanding. (World Council of Churches).
We continue to pray for all who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit; for those recovering from operations; for those undergoing treatment; for those still affected by Covid19 and all who are working tirelessly to heal the sick. In a quiet moment, we pray for those known to us…..
We pray for young people whose education has been interrupted, asking for wisdom and a proper understanding of their needs to be at the heart of political solutions to educational problems.

We say **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We share in saying **THE GRACE**

May we see your glory, O God, in all your works. May we feel your presence in all circumstances and may we hold to you through times of good and ill; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(George Ridding 1828-1904)