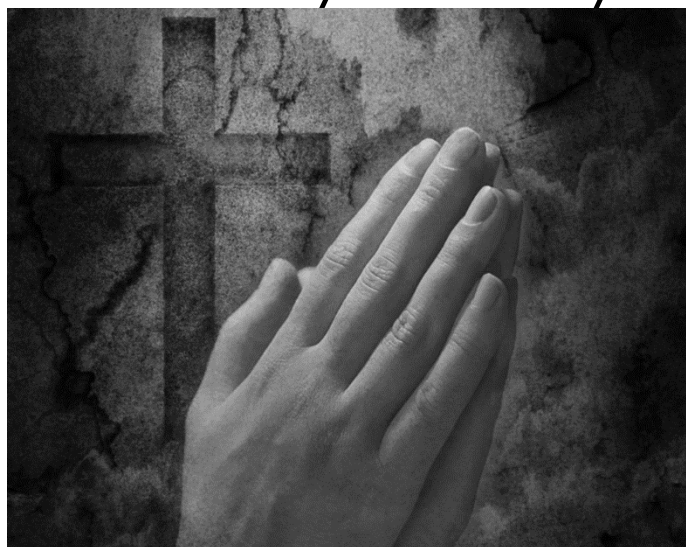


Sunday 6 June, 2021  
First Sunday after Trinity



### Prayer and worship at home

*If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type.*

*If alone, read all the words aloud.*

*You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at.*

*You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still.*

### Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### Prayers of Penitence

*As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.*

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

#### Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Prayer for this week

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen**

### The Word of the Lord

**FIRST READING** : 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

**THE GOSPEL** : Mark 3:20-35

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone

out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Affirmation of faith

With our Christian brothers and sisters, we affirm our faith in God, the Holy Trinity.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of intercession

*(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words,  
or be prompted by the words here)*

*We pray for our nation and its well-being...*

*We pray for neighbours, family and friends and we remember all those self-isolating at the moment...*

*We pray for all who are sick, worried or anxious, and for those who feel cut off from friends and family...*

*We pray for all schools, staff, governors and students...*

*We pray for those who have died in recent days, and all whom we remember with love and affection....*

## The Lord’s Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven...**

*Or*

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## The Grace

*We conclude our prayers*

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen**

## Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalm 30	Matthew 5.38-42
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Matthew 5.43-end
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Matthew 6.1-6,16-18
Thursday	Psalm 37	Matthew 6.7-15
Friday	Psalm 31	Matthew 6.19-23
Saturday	Psalm 42	Matthew 6.24-end

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate  
us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.