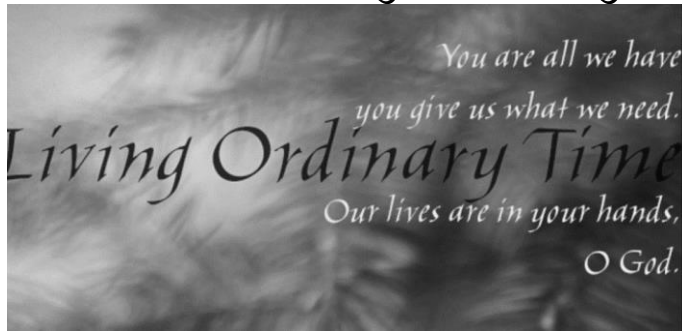


Sunday 13 June, 2021
The Second Sunday after Trinity



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.**

The Act of Penitence

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

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

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 Special Prayer for this week

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading | 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

³⁴Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

¹⁶The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel | Mark 4:26-34

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

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
 he did not cling to equality with God,
 but made himself nothing.
 Taking the form of a slave,
 he was born in human likeness.
 He humbled himself
 and was obedient to death,
 even the death of the cross.
 Therefore God has raised him on high,
 and given him the name above every name:
 that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bow,
 and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
 we pray:

Our Father....

Or

Our Father 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 44	Matthew 7.1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Matthew 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	Psalm 149	Luke 1. 57-66,80
Thursday	Psalm 57	Matthew 7. 21-end
Friday	Psalm 51	Matthew 8.1-4
Saturday	Psalm 68	Matthew 8.5-17