

Sunday 20 September 2020

Trinity 15

Prayer and worship at home

Preparation

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

The Lord is here
His spirit is with us.

The Act of Penitence

As we come together in worship today, we are reminded that God deals with all of us with grace and with love and without favour.

We have sought reward and recognition and believed we were deserving of it.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have sought precedence over others and believed we were worthy of it.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have thought too much of ourselves and too little of the needs of others.

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,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Special Prayer for this week

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading *Philippians 1. 21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel | *Matthew 20. 1- 16*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right."

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one

has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

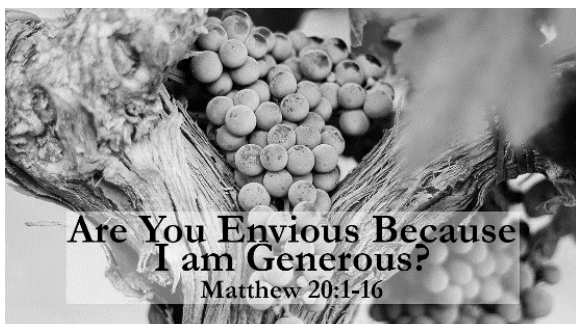
**We believe in God the Father,
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on earth is named.**

**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



Are You Envious Because
 I am Generous?
 Matthew 20:1-16

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 49	Matthew 9.9-13
Tuesday	Psalm 36	Luke 8.19021
Wednesday	Psalm 34	Luke 9.1-6
Thursday	Psalm 37	Luke 9.7-9
Friday	Psalm 31	Luke 9.18-22
Saturday	Psalm 42	Luke 9.43b-45

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.