



Sunday 27 September 2020

Trinity 16

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

Jesus is the name at which every knee shall bend, on
heaven and on earth and under the earth. Let us
bow before him in prayer and penitence.

We have exalted ourselves, full of selfish ambition
and conceit.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have blamed others for our faults and not taken
responsibility for our actions.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have turned from God and followed our own
paths.

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 of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading *Philippians 2.1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any
consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any
compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love, being in
full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish
ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as
better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to
your own interests, but to the interests of
others. Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of
God, did not regard equality with God as something
to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form
of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being
found in human form, he humbled himself and
became obedient to the point of death— even death
on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name, so
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always
obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much
more now in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who
is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to
work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel | *Matthew 21.23-32*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you, O Lord

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and
the elders of the people came to him as he was
teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing
these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus
said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you
tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what
authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John
come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And

they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

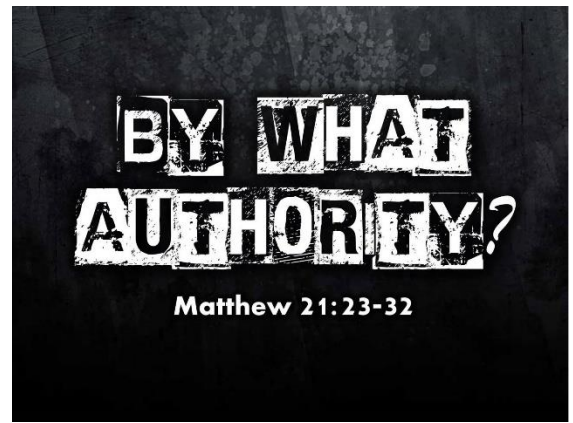
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**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



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	Luke 9.46-50
Tuesday	Psalm 34	John 1.47-end
Wednesday	Psalm 119.57-80	Luke 9.57-end
Thursday	Psalm 57	Luke 10.1-12
Friday	Psalm 51	Luke 10.13-16
Saturday	Psalm 68	Luke 10.17-24

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.