



Sunday 25 October 2020

*Bible Sunday*

## Prayer and worship at home

### Preparation

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

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

### The Act of Penitence

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

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,  
even your salvation, according to your promise:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;  
O seek your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.  
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 Special Prayer for this week

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Word of the Lord

**First Reading** *Colossians 3. 12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord\* has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ\* dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.\* And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** | *Matthew 24. 30-35*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

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**

## Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalm 126	Luke 13.10-17
Tuesday	Psalm 132	Luke 13.18-21
Wednesday	Psalm 117	John 15.17-end
Thursday	Psalm 143	Luke 13.31-end
Friday	Psalm 144	Luke 14.1-6
Saturday	Psalm 147	Luke 14.1,7-11

## 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**

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.