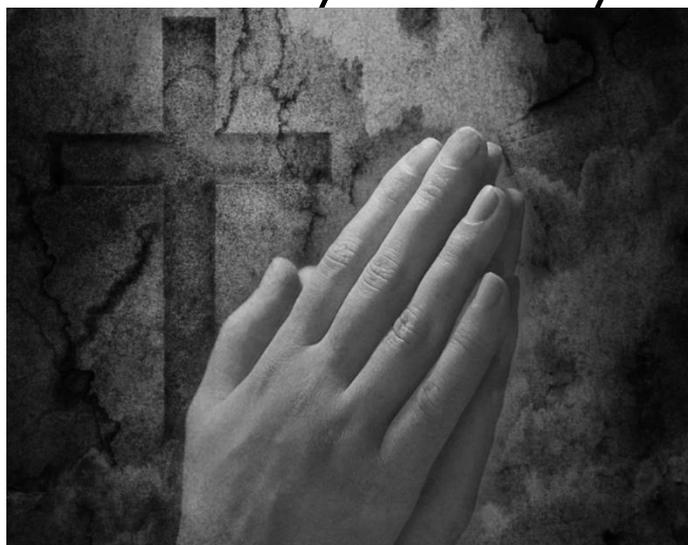


Sunday 14 June, 2020
First Sunday after Trinity



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 : *Romans 5. 1-8*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL : *Matthew 9.35-10.8*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the

labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 world, especially as lockdown restrictions are slowly lifted in certain places...

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.**