

## **A Celebration of Holy Communion for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

### ***The Collect for Purity***

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

### ***Confession***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Collect of the Day, Trinity 9***

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## *A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel:*

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, ‘There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.’ Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, ‘As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.’

Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.’ David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ Nathan said to David, ‘Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. (2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a)

This is the Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦  
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦  
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦  
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John:  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*(John 6: 24-35)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Thought for the Day*

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Heavenly Father, We pray for your church in all the world; especially for Christians unable to gather together because of the pandemic or persecution. We pray for the Christians of the Holy Land and their commitment to promoting peace and reconciliation in that troubled place. We pray for the Church in our own country, our own United Dioceses; and our own community, and that this parish may be a beacon of light and hope to all.

Lord, in your Mercy:

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the world in the midst of so much turmoil caused by the pandemic, wars, oppression, injustice and climate change. We pray for peace in troubled lands and troubled hearts. We pray for victims of floods, wildfires and other catastrophic climatic events. We lift up the people of countries currently being overwhelmed by Covid 19 and pray for relief, and for a successful and equitable vaccine rollout for all people around the world, and our efforts to contain the virus as we reopen more of our society. We pray for all who have lost their livelihoods and all who are still anxious or isolated

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those who are suffering, or in any need; for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them and about them -that they may know your healing touch to make them whole. We pray also for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our Prayer**

We take a moment in silence to lift up our own prayers, concerns and thanksgivings to our Father in Heaven ...

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

And we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith and now worship in your nearer presence in Heaven.

**Merciful Father: accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

### ***The Peace***

*The presiding minister says*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### ***Celebrating at the Lord's Table***

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

### ***The Taking of the Bread and Wine***

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

### ***The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation,

we praise you for your goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son,

welcomed us as your children

and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross**

**and, with love stronger than death,**

**he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died

you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now;  
may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout  
the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*The celebrant and people receive Holy Communion with the words*

The Body & Blood of Christ given for you

*Followed by **The Great Silence***

### ***Post Communion Prayers***

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

***Going Out as God's People***

### ***The Blessing***

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ: and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**