

**Morning Prayer For Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Welcome & Introduction**

We come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Opening Hymn: 44 Praise and Thanksgiving**

1. Praise and thanksgiving  
Father we offer  
For all things living  
You have made good  
Harvest of sown fields  
Fruits of the orchard  
Hay from the mown fields  
Blossom and wood

2. Lord bless the labour  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbour  
We may be fed  
Sowing or tilling  
We would work with You  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.

3. Father providing  
Food for Your children  
Your wisdom guiding  
Teaches us share  
One with another  
So that rejoicing  
Sister and brother  
May know Your care

4. Then will Your blessing  
Reach every people  
Each one confessing  
Your gracious hand  
When You are reigning  
No one will hunger  
Your love sustaining  
Fruitful the land

### ***Penitence***

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1: 8,9*

Let us kneel or sit and confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have often been selfish, and we have not loved you as we should. For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.** *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.** *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.  
**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

### **First Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of host is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 80:1-2, 9-20**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦  
**you that led Joseph like a flock;**
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦  
**before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**
- 9 You brought a vine out of Egypt; ♦  
**you drove out the nations and planted it.**
- 10 You made room around it, ♦  
**and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**
- 11 The hills were covered with its shadow ♦  
**and the cedars of God by its boughs.**

12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea ♦  
**and its tendrils to the River.**

13 Why then have you broken down its wall, ♦  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, ♦  
**and all the insects of the field devour it.**

15 Turn again, O God of hosts, ♦  
**look down from heaven and behold;**

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, ♦  
**and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, ♦  
**perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, ♦  
**the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

19 And so will we not go back from you; ♦  
**give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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**

### **Second Reading Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,\* because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: 566 Fight The Good Fight**

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might!  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;  
Life with its path before us lies,  
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

***Holy Gospel Luke 12: 49-56***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke:

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Thought for the Day**

**Collect of the Word**

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Hymn 584 Jesus calls Us O'er The Tumult**

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his voice is sounding,  
saying "Christian, follow me!"

2 As of old apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call;  
give to you our heart's obedience,  
serve and love you best of all!

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *The Prayers of the People*

Let us bring before God our prayers of intercession and commitment:

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church throughout the world:

**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:

**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:

**give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:

**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:

**help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:

**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:

**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died:

**Father, into your hands we entrust them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:  
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We take a few moments in silence to lift up our own prayers to our Father in Heaven...

Hear our prayer, Lord God  
**and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to 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.**

### **A Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn 680 Will Your Anchor Hold**

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

2 It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers have told the reef is near?  
Though the tempest rage, and the wild winds blow,  
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow?

3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide it can never fail,  
When our hopes abide within the veil.

4 When our eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright,  
We shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,  
With the storms all past for evermore.

**The Dismissal**

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world. May the lips that have sung  
your praise always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your  
Word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship  
be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**