A arched doorway with trees in the background

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**VJ 80 Weekend/ Trinity 9**

Prayers

*For the 80th anniversary of VJ Day*

God of the nations,  
our refuge and our dwelling place,  
we remember with thanksgiving  
those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific,  
and hold before you all those who suffered  
from the devastation and trauma of war.  
As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war,   
strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace,   
through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one,   
even Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

*For those who served and died in the Second World War*

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women   
who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War,   
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.  
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,   
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,   
now and for ever. Amen.

*For those who serve today*

O Lord God of Hosts,  
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm  
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.   
Support them in times of conflict,  
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;   
endue them with courage and loyalty;  
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For the peace of the world*

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth   
in a single peace;  
that the design of your great love lighten   
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows  
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,   
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN 101 O Worship the King all glorious above**

The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us**

*The theme of the day is introduced.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All: Loving God, we have come to worship you.**

**Help us to pray to you,**

**to sing your praise,**

**and to listen to your word;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE SAY SORRY**

**All: Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and ask you to forgive us.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing**

**and cleanse us from our sin**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*We are assured of God’s forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Father

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**glory to the Father.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen,**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen,**

Alleluia, amen, **Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

Son of the Father

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**Son of the Father.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

Glory to God, Glory to God,

glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,**

**Glory to the Spirit.**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever.** *Refrain*

**THE PRAYER FOR 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 your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All   Amen.

***We Hear***

**THE FIRST READING**

*We sit for the reading and after it we say*

**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 watchtower 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 briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 237 Take up thy cross the Saviour said**

*During the hymn the Gospel will be processed as a mark of respect for the life and teaching of Jesus.*

**THE GOSPEL READING**

*We remain standing.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 12.49–56**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.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**TALK**

**THE CREED**

*Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: 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.**

***We Pray***

**THE PRAYERS**

*We sit or kneel to pray*

**THANKSGIVINGS and WELCOMES**

*We sit to say thank you to God for the birth of a new child and welcome any children who are recently baptised.*

***We Share***

**THE PEACE**

*Stand.*

*We are invited to share the peace of God and respond*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

**HYMN 117 Praise to the holiest in the height**

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,

the glory, the splendour and the majesty:

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you,**

**and of your own do we give you.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Sit or kneel*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

*Extended preface can be used here*

and now we thank you gladly

and join with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest:  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [*N* and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**THE GIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BLESSING**

God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*If you regularly receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion you are welcome to do so today. Those who are not regular communicants are welcome to come forward, to receive a blessing.*

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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 fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. All   Amen.

**All: Heavenly Father,**

**We have shared together**

**in the blessing of your presence,**

**Give us in this life knowledge of your truth**

**And in the world to come life everlasting;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***We Go Out***

**HYMN 192 – Praise my soul the King of heaven**

**THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

***All*   Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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