

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 14 June 2020

In today's Gospel we read of the calling of the twelve disciples by Jesus, and of his sending them out when the harvest is plentiful. Some of us may feel a certain irony in this message of 'sending out' at a time when we are still being told to stay at home as much as possible and socially distance. Unfortunately, we remain unable to join together in public worship at this time, but we are still able to pray together, and set out below are the Liturgy of the Word and some of the prayers which we regularly pray on this Sunday.

THE GATHERING

The Greeting

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!
Cf. Psalm 27.7,9

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

In the wilderness we find your grace;
you love us with an everlasting love.

Kyrie, eleison.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;
our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christe, eleison.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
restore us and we shall know your joy.

Kyrie, eleison.

May the God of love and power forgive you and
free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the

keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;
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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The texts of the readings can be found on the red Redemptorist weekly reading sheet for 14 June.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Glyn our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Michael, St Hilda, St Thomas and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers, and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation, that among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by your gracious help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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 with you always.
And also with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 27.4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Fr Mark writes:

Last Thursday was the Feast of Corpus Christi when we give thanks for the Institution of Holy Communion. There was a certain poignancy to celebrating the Festival this year, when for most people in the Christian Church worldwide, the past few months have been a time of Eucharistic abstinence, enforced upon us by the coronavirus epidemic. There has not been a time in living memory when the sacraments of the Church have been unavailable to the faithful as they have been at this time.

I can understand completely the great sadness that many of you have expressed to me about being in exile from our churches. We are all missing not only our worship together, but the social contact and interaction that is so much a part of church life. It is also strange for me to be beginning my ministry here in such isolated circumstances. I, like many of you, have been advised to shield myself for health reasons, and trips to the supermarket are fast becoming a distant memory. Every cloud, I suppose.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, I was pleased to come across a recorded message by the Bishop of Fulham in which he spoke of the history of this

Feast. I commend it to you, and it can be found at: <https://youtu.be/kXCRO5cQ4sE>

There has been some movement this week on the opening of churches. I have attended a Zoom meeting with the Archdeacons of Sunderland and Auckland, and many other clergy from across the Diocese. What is envisaged in our context, is a gradual reopening of churches for private prayer, but as yet, no date has been fixed for the recommencement of regular public worship. When that does happen, it will need to be compliant with the rules around social distancing and good hygiene, with which we have all become so familiar. I hope and pray that it will not be too long before we get a chance to meet face-to-face and to worship in our churches once again. Do continue to be assured of my prayers for you all at this time, and do contact me if you have any particular prayer requests which I will certainly include in my daily offering of Mass, and at Morning and Evening Prayer.

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This week

Monday 15 June

Feria

Intention: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

1 Kings 21.1-16 | Ps 5.1-5 | Matthew 5.38-42

Tuesday 16 June

Richard, Bishop of Chichester

Intention: Diocese of Chichester

1 Kings 21.17-end | Ps 51.1-9 | Matthew 5.43-end

Wednesday 17 June

Feria

Intention: Care Homes and their Staff

2 Kings 2.1,6-14 | Ps 31.21-end | Matthew 6.1-6,16-18

Thursday 18 June

Feria

Intention: Young People

Ecclesiasticus 48.1-14 | Psalm 97.1-8 | Matthew 6.7-15

Friday 19 June

Feria

Intention: The Church Union

2 Kings 11.1-4,9-18,20 | Ps 132.1-5,11-13 |

Matthew 6.19-23

Saturday 20 June

Feria

Intention: Society of Mary

2 Chronicles 24.17-25 | Ps 89.25-33 |

Matthew 6.24-end

Sunday 21 June

TRINITY 2

Intention: Our Parishes and People

Jeremiah 20.7-13 | From Psalm 69 | Romans 6:1b-11 |

Matthew 10.24-39

While the pandemic continues, I will endeavour to post a recording of Sunday Mass, celebrated in my home, to both St Hilda's website and the St Michael's Facebook page.

Worship on television and radio

Sunday at 8.10am – Morning Worship on Radio 4

Sunday at 1.15pm – Songs of Praise on BBC1

Wednesday at 3.30pm – Choral Evensong on
Radio 3

Daily worship from Durham Cathedral

Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at
5.15pm: streamed through the Cathedral's
Facebook page.

Sunday at 3.30pm – Virtual Choral Evensong available through the Cathedral’s YouTube channel.

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Shrine Prayers daily at 6pm via YouTube and Facebook.

Daily Hope Phone Line

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. A Church of England initiative in partnership with Connections at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

