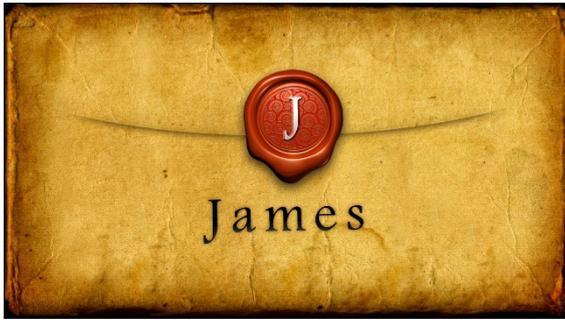


7th June 2020



Prayers - week 12

Trinity Sunday



Wild Words

James 3:1-12

A CALL TO WORSHIP *Ephesians 5:18b-20*
Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER *Leslie Haskin*
Unlike any other form of communication, prayer, by its very nature, actually has in it the power to change things and transform people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY *Common Worship*
Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the
knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BREATH ON ME BREATH OF GOD
Edwin Hatch. Click [here](#) for music to sing
Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY *Kauflin & Chester*
Click [here](#) for music to sing

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally.

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
To our God who saves.*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us

The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfil.

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One.

PRAYER FOR A HEALING

The death of George Floyd through brutal restraint whilst in custody of the Minneapolis police on 31st May has aroused widespread anger in the USA, and further afield, over the ever present injustice and discrimination against people on the basis of their skin colour. This prayer, adapted from one written by Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, addresses the heart of our problem.

One God, in Three Persons, creator of one human species, in many hues: all are descendants of Adam and Eve, all members of one race called “human.” Please forgive us the sins we commit from freely choosing to walk the path of evil prejudice. Give us strength to choose a new way. Heal the blindness that causes our eyes to notice and magnify those things we regard as different from ourselves in others. Teach us to see clearly, that we, the children of Adam, are far more alike than we are different. Help us to put aside the racial prejudices embedded within us, and to see within every person the image of God you created, and that we are sisters and brothers, all equally loved by you. In the name of One who died for all persons, of all colours, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIVE OUT THE WORDS OF JESUS

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Humanly speaking, it is possible to understand the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5:1-13*) in a thousand different ways. But Jesus knows only one possibility: simple surrender and obedience – not interpreting or applying it, but doing it and obeying it. That is the only way to hear his words. He does not mean for us to discuss it as an ideal. He really means for us to get on with it.

So where are we with this?
Where am I? Where are you?
Which part of the Sermon on the Mount do you identify with most closely today?

LIVE JOYFULLY IN LIGHT OF CHRISTIAN HOPE

Hold fast to hope of the everlasting with a purposeful grip, and imagine finishing strong – actually living forever in the presence of the Almighty God.

Leslie Haskin

Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth.

Mark Twain

Go on, then. What's stopping you?

CONFESSION *Common Worship*

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God Almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away, and to
cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *Common Worship*

May the God of healing and forgiveness

draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of
his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STRUGGLING WITH TRAGEDY AND TRAUMA

Leslie Haskin is a 9-11 survivor. In her book 'Held' she takes us with her through her struggles to come to terms with the tragedy and trauma and to emerge with a message of hope and good news because she learns that God is bigger. The following is an excerpt from her book.

I admit that I don't understand all the man-made whys or hows of life and tragedy any more than you do, but I have traded "understanding" for the knowledge that there is One greater than me who does understand it all, and I trust Him! I trust Him to be unchanging – constant, with us through it all, providing the miracles that allow some things to be unexplainable now and revealed in the fullness of time... I trust him to provide the answers that I need right now and to do all things necessary to redeem lost mankind to Himself. I trust Him not to change the world according to the gospel of Leslie but according to His perfection! His Sovereignty!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

As long as we live, life will keep happening. There will be disasters, distress, and things that are enormous in impact. But there is something about faith, something about the person of God, something about trusting Him that feels right, even in the middle of chaos. There is something about His consistency and His redemptive design that somehow

lines it all up in the grand scheme of things, and He comes out bigger than our doubts, bigger than our sins, bigger than our disasters, and bigger than life.

PRAYER FOR AN ATTITUDE OF THANKFULNESS

Our Daily Bread 29th May 2020

All-Sufficient Father,

Every good thing comes from Your hand. Thank you for all the blessings of friends, family and freedom that we used to take for granted! Now, as we continue in a time of deprivation, we ask that You would help us to keep an attitude of thankfulness. Fix our eyes on our blessings; not our hardships.

Inspire us to lift our eyes to eternal things; to see that we have all things in You. Heaven is our home; remind us to keep our treasure there, not in the things of this earth.

When this season ends, and life returns to some kind of normal, help us not to lose sight of what we've learned. May we treasure our relationships, be thankful for our comforts, and reach out to others while we have the opportunity. For Christ's sake, Amen

BLESSING

The Lord give us ears to hear his call, a heart to respond to his love, and a tongue to tell of the wonders he has done; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon us always. Amen.

Prayer topics for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Joan on 01902 754526. She will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

**He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.**
Deuteronomy 32:4

For the World

- **Covid-19** - Pray for those in authority, that leaders and their advisors will make wise decisions for their country. Ask God to give knowledge to the scientists seeking a vaccine; strength and protection for the medical workers; and comfort for the bereaved. Pray for protection from the virus as we start to come out of the lockdown.
- **Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo** that a new outbreak of Ebola is contained as they battle against the coronavirus.
- **Where there is unrest**, pray for God's love and peace to fill the hearts of those who feel anger, fear and injustice. Pray at this time for the black communities in the USA, and for the people of Hong Kong, pray for fair and equitable justice.

For St Jude's Church

- Reflect on the words James uses to teach us on taming our tongue in James 3:1-12, and pray for the Lord's help. "Lord in your mercy and grace enable me to tame my tongue more and more. Help me keep my words life giving, rather than life taking. Help me keep my words from wrecking my life. Help me keep my words from destroying the lives of others. Help me keep my words pure and holy, free from evil poison. Help me keep my words true to your gospel and fruitful for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus my saviour I pray. Amen."
- Give thanks for the lives of Church Family members with birthdays in June. We remember, in particular: Phil Robertson, Joan Bentley, Mervyn Horton and Amita Sudra. "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all the saints." (Act 20:32)

For our Mission Partners – Hope from Above (HFA)

Praise God

- for providing for HFA, especially in times like this.
- that lots of Bibles currently go into isolated places by air and sea!
- for the privilege of working with organisations, groups and ministries who support us.

Please pray

- that someone will be able to take on the role of secretary to our Board of trustees.
- for spiritual and physical protection for us and our partners overseas.
- for favour in the Himalaya and South America so that outreaches can continue.
- please pray earnestly for the countries affected by the huge locust plague occurring now in the 10/40 window, causing starvation and problems far exceeding those of Covid-19.

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