

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'God is ready to give more than we desire or deserve'



The Collect today reminds us of the astonishingly generous gifts of God. They are 'more than either we desire or deserve', and include Christ's forgiveness of our sins and the Spirit's unlimited resources. But this 'grace' of God is also experienced in everyday events – such as the care given and received in close human relationships. We celebrate God's grace in our worship together now.

The Gathering

THE GREETING

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(A HYMN may be sung)

God's love has been poured into our hearts **through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.** *(Rom. 5:5)*

See what love the Father has given us, **that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.**

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, **but in truth and action.**

(1 John 3:1, 18)

PRAYER

Lord, you are the living flame, burning ceaselessly with love for mankind.

Enter into us and inflame us with your love so that we might be like you.

Amen.
(J. H. Newman)

(SONGS or CHORUSES may be sung)

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PENITENCE

In a moment of quiet we think of the many gifts of God:
life, food, health, shelter, talents ...
the love we receive from others ...
and the grace we receive from Christ ...
As we celebrate the goodness of God, we also remember the shadows in our lives:

Father God, we confess that we often take the gifts of your creation for granted, and use them chiefly to further our own interests ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Saviour Christ, we confess that we easily fall into temptation and forget to seek your forgiveness ...

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, we confess that we often close our minds to your influence, and fail to bear good fruit in our lives ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

(The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or RESPONSES may be used)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... *(silent prayer)*

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 SCRIPTURE READING(S)

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM/HYMN or SCRIPTURAL SONG

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us proclaim our faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A HYMN may be sung)

The Prayers

from harm and make the right choices ...

Jesus, Lord and Saviour, **(R:)**

For all who face disability or chronic illness, that they may have encouragement in coping with their difficulties ...

Jesus, Lord and Saviour, **(R:)**

For those who are ill, in pain, or undergoing treatment, that they will be healed and restored to a better quality of life ...

Jesus, Lord and Saviour, **(R:)**

For those in darkness and grief because they are parted from someone they love, that they will be comforted, and lifted by hope ...

Jesus, Lord and Saviour, **answer all the prayers we offer according to your will. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A HYMN may be sung)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God be in my head

and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end

and at my departing. *(St Patrick)*

(THE BLESSING or THE GRACE is said)

For our families and all who are close to us, that in times of trial they will be protected