

WORSHIP AT HOME  
SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still



**Preparation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**  
The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy upon us.

**Holy God,**  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal:**  
**have mercy upon us.**

*Silence is kept*

Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart mind and strength;  
for You alone are God,  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Prayers of Penitence**

*Today we give thanks to God for all that is good in our lives and take time to remember those things that we have done that are not so good.*

*As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing, for forgiveness that maybe we have not used our given gifts and talents as maybe we should have done for God's praise and glory.....*

*for forgiveness that we have not stepped out in faith to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord.....*

*And we have not heard or followed Lord your instruction and calling to give our lives to your service and calling.....*

God, our Father,  
we come to You in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will in our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of You;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**

For failing You by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations of this world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**

For living as if we are ashamed  
to belong to Your Son  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us**



### **Words of forgiveness**

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

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son has opened for us  
a new way of living in your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and truth:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Word of the Lord**

First reading – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to

preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Affirmation of faith.**

With our Christian brothers and sisters, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. We say together

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking on the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of intercession**

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

*Blessed are you, Lord our God, you opened your arms for us on the cross, you welcome us into your kingdom, may your saving power be known among us and lead us into the ways of peace.....*

*Lord, we pray that your Church may be welcoming and open. Let us draw others to you by our love and understanding. Help us support the weak in faith, strengthen the wavering and uplift the fallen. Let us not be judgemental but stand firm in our love for you and your will. Teach us to be forgiving to others as we seek forgiveness from you. We pray for the mission of your Church, to seek out the lost and recover the fallen.....*

*We pray for the world and its economic state at the moment, for countries and peoples deeply in debt. We pray for justice and fair dealings in trade, remembering those who have had homes and land repossessed, all who suffer from bankruptcy, all who have lost what little they had.....*

*We give thanks for what you have given us, giving thanks for the generosity you have shown us and pray that our homes may be places of grace and generosity.....*

*We pray for all who are sick in body mind or spirit, asking that you surround them with your loving healing arms, attend to their needs and bring them your peace.....*

*We give thanks for all who have been faithful labourers in your harvest, may we with them rejoice in the generosity of your everlasting kingdom.....*

*And finally, we commend this world, our families and ourselves to your unfailing love.....*

### **The Lord's prayer**

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we 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.**

### **The Grace**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore.**

**Amen.**

This week's readings; -

Monday: Psalm 22:23-28, John 3:13-17

Tuesday: Psalm 100, Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Psalm 33:1-12, Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: Psalm 118:1-2,17-20, Luke 7:36 to end

Friday: Psalm 17:1-8, Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: Psalm 30:1-5, Luke 8:4-15

