

WORSHIP AT HOME  
SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY.

THE SEVENTH 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.**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ returned from the dead to become the Great Shepherd of your sheep, guide us into the ways of peace and mercy, equip us to do everything that is good and build us up to be holy dwelling-place for you our God

*Silence is kept*

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing;  
enable us by your power to be true to our calling  
and live holy and blameless before you all our days;

**Prayers of Penitence**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**God of mercy,**

**We acknowledge that we are all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past,**

**and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of forgiveness**

May God forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

## The Collect

Lord of all power and might,  
who art the author and giver of all good things Graft in our hearts the love of thy name,  
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of thy great mercy keep us the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings- The first reading – Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord

## Gospel reading- Mark 6: 30-34,53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Affirmation of faith.**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, 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**

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

*Holy Father, empower all whom you have called to be bishops, pastors and teachers to be good shepherds of your flock. Give them wisdom and vision in the leading of your people. We pray for any who are seeking out the straying and the lost, those who are offering new hope and courage to the despairing.....give guidance to all who seek to guide or reconcile others; protect all who are working with divided peoples, all peace keeping forces and those who seek to maintain order. Direct all who work as Samaritans or in marriage guidance....surround with your love all who are having difficulties with their relationships. We pray for those who are feeling betrayed or neglected, for all who are suffering from marriage breakdown, for children from broken homes or homes of hatred and violence.....Good Shepherd be with all who are harassed or helpless, all who feel and wickedness; alienated or hostile, those like sheep without a shepherd. We remember all who have lost their way, all fallen into vice and wickedness; that all may know the love and care of the Good Shepherd..... we rejoice with all who are in the safety of your keeping in your kingdom, for all the saints in glory. We pray for loved ones departed, and that we may come to share with them in eternal life..... and lastly Lord we commit to you ourselves, our families and our loved ones.....*

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for 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**

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**This week's readings; -**

Monday: Psalm 136:1-4,10-15 Matthew 12: 38- 42

Tuesday: Psalm 105:37-44 Matthew 12: 46-end

Wednesday: Psalm 78:17-31, Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Psalm 42:1-10, John 20:1-2,11-18

Friday: Psalm 19: 7-11, Matthew 12:1-8:

Saturday: Psalm 136:1-4,10-15, Matthew 13:18-23

