PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY SUNDAY: SUNDAY 4 JUNE

GATHERING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:

That we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, come to us:

That we may know your love.

Father, receive our prayers:

That we may deepen our trust in you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT for Trinity Sunday

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.

PSALM 8

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

BIBLE READING Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Loving Father, we pray for the world you created: for peace between nations, wisdom for governments in difficult times and for justice and equality for all people.

Extend to them your pardoning love, mercy and grace.

God the Holy Trinity: make us strong in faith and love.

Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray for your Church: for unity of purpose, for all those who minister to others and for those who are struggling to keep the faith. May our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

God the Holy Trinity: make us strong in faith and love.

Eternal Spirit, we pray for families and individuals, created in your image, remembering especially all who are suffering: the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.

Breathe on them the breath of life.

God the Holy Trinity: make us strong in faith and love.

Gracious God, we pray for our local community: for those who live and work here; for the homeless and those in financial distress. We remember the work of the foodbank, Glass Door and other agencies who seek to help those in need. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

God the Holy Trinity: make us strong in faith and love.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Trusting in the compassion of God, 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.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace.