

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 12: SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

All creation praises you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
**They declare the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your mighty power.**

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

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 the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹ Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
² Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.^[a]
⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
⁵ I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
⁸ O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

BIBLE READING Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

SERMON Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. Can you think of a time when you wanted to choose a path that you did not believe was right in God's eyes. (It could be something important or something quite trivial). How did you respond? Looking back, would you make the same choice now?

2. In your experience, has living the Christian life become easier or harder over the years? Can you explain why?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, we ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.
Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.
Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.
Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong.
Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.
Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

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.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.