

Readings, Psalms and Collects for Trinity 13-16

Trinity 13 Sunday September 3

Collect

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 105:1-7

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.**

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.

**5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

6 O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

**7 He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.**

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.'

Trinity 14 Sunday September 10

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.

**34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart.**

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments,

for therein is my delight.

**36 Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to unjust gain.**

37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways.

**38 Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ 'Jesus said, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Trinity 15 Sunday September 17

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,

that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 103:1-13

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

**2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;**

3 Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**4 Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;**

5 Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**6 The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

9 He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

**10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

**12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.**

13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as

seven times?’²² Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents^[c] was brought to him;²⁵ 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.²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ 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.”²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.”³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ 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.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Trinity 16 Sunday September 24

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives’ end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

¹ Jesus said, ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first

came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.