

Psalms, Collects and Readings for Trinity 17-20

Trinity 17 Sunday October 9

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 111

1 Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

**2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**6 He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever.**

Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Trinity 18 Sunday October 16

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

Reading: Luke 18:1-8

1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Trinity 19 Sunday October 23

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 84:1-7

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.

**4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,**

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

**6 They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.**

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.

Reading: Luke 18: 9-14

9 Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Fourth Sunday before Advent, October 30

Collect

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 32:1-7

1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

**2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

3 For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

**4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.

**6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

Reading: Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'