

# Psalms, Collects and Readings for Trinity 17-21

## Trinity 17 Sunday October 1

### 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 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 **He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly.**

Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority

I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup> He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

## Trinity 18 Sunday October 8

### 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 80:8-15

- 8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
- 9 **You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.**
- 10 You made room around it,  
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- 11 **The hills were covered with its shadow  
and the cedars of God by its boughs.**
- 12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea  
and its tendrils to the River.

**13 Why then have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,  
and all the insects of the field devour it.

**15 Turn again, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven and behold;**

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,  
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

**Reading:** Matthew 21:33-46

<sup>33</sup> ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup> They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**Trinity 19 Sunday October 15**

**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 106:1-6**

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
for his faithfulness endures for ever.

**2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord  
or show forth all his praise?**

3 Blessed are those who observe what is right  
and always do what is just.

**4 Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people;  
visit me in the day of your salvation;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen  
and rejoice in the gladness of your people,  
and exult with your inheritance.

**6 We have sinned like our forebears;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

**Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to

the attendants, "Bind his hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## Trinity 20 October 22

### Collect

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty  
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 96:1-9

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols;  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Honour and majesty are before him;  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know

that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup>They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## Trinity Last October 29

### Collect

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test

him. <sup>36</sup>‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ <sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ <sup>43</sup>He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”? <sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.