

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Your word is a lantern to our feet

a light upon our path.

A candle may be lit and silence is kept.

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years,

we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ

so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all people.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,

love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Absolution

May the God of love and power,

forgive us and free us for our sins

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.

How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.

How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.

Our voices shall sing of your promises

and our lips declare your praise

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, ♦
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; ♦
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦
you make it very plenteous.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Bible readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Joel 2:23-32 – *God's promise of salvation and the pouring out of his Spirit.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 – *Paul reflects with thanksgiving on his life of faith and witness to the gospel in the face of adversity, persecution, betrayal and isolation.*

Luke 18:9-14 – *Jesus tells the parable of the self-righteous Pharisee and penitent tax collector to highlight that outward badges of virtue will not achieve salvation.*

(A few moments of quiet for thought, thanksgiving & reflection)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. *2 Tim 4*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a servant,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(Philippians 2.6-11)

Prayers

We continue our theme of perseverance and running the race by praying for the following:

Some pointers for prayer:

Church:

- For the body of Christ at work in the world. That all believers will run their race with integrity and humility.
- For Sarah, our Archbishop designate. That she will draw on you for strength as she takes on this new calling on her life.
- For Rob our Bishop as he travels across each deanery in the diocese ahead of his enthronement.

World:

- Persistence in prayer for places of conflict: Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.
- We pray for the COP 30 climate conference, so that we can better safeguard your creation.

Local Community:

- For the Binsey Mission Community as we seek to share our faith with humility.
- For our school staff and students at the staff of Half Term.

Those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit:

- We lift before God those who we know who have asked for our prayers.

The bereaved:

- For the friends of Elizabeth Atty.
- As we approach All Souls we lift before God the families of all those whose funerals we have taken in the last year.

God of all compassion,
by the dying and rising of your Christ
you restore us to yourself and enfold us in your love.
May we be renewed by your healing Spirit
and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord,
who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(or the traditional form, if you prefer)*

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 of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus,
draw us to himself.
May the power of the Lord Jesus,
strengthen us in his service.
May the joy of the Lord Jesus, fill our hearts;
and the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, now and always. **Amen.**