

Worship at Home in the Rutland Water Benefice
Sunday 13th September 2020 – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Theme: Forgiveness

Introduction and Welcome (Caroline Simmonds – Reader)

Opening Prayer

We need your healing, merciful God;
Give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us,
Some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
Set us free to hear your word to us;
Set us free to serve you.



'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Rembrandt 1669

Gathering

⁸ We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. ⁹ We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed. (2 Corinthians Chapter 4)

**We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain
and heals our wounds.**

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In that light, we confess our sins:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen**

Collect prayer for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

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 103. 8-13

- ⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- ⁹ **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- ¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**
- ¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³ **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

Bible Reading: Matthew 18:21 – 35 The Unforgiving Servant

A reflection on the reading

The Creed

We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession, led by Caroline Simmonds

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God

Which passes all understanding,

Keep our hearts and minds

In the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord;

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be upon us and remain with us always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ, Amen.



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