

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*'Proclaim the good news of God's love'*



### The Gathering

#### THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (1 Tim. 1:2)

#### A HYMN may be sung

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away;  
See, everything has become new!

All this is from God,  
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God. (2 Cor. 5:17ff)

#### PRAYER

God our Father,  
we thank you that we are no longer  
strangers to you but members together in  
the body of Christ.  
Send the Holy Spirit  
to build up our unity,  
inspire our worship,  
and lead us on in the service  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### PENITENCE

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.'

Let us, in a moment of silence, recognize  
those failings in us that undermine  
relationships, and cause hurt to others ...

As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for  
forgiveness:

We confess the sins that bring hurt and  
betrayal upon those who trust us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess the sins that cause love to  
grow cold, and attitudes to harden.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess the sins that impede the way  
to forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Lord, have mercy.**

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled  
the world to himself through the death  
and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
not counting our trespasses against us,  
but sending his Holy Spirit  
to shed abroad his love among us.

By the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted by Christ to his Church,  
receive his pardon and peace  
to stand before him in his strength alone,  
this day and evermore. **Amen.**

**The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or  
RESPONSES may be used**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... (silent prayer)

Almighty God, who called your Church  
to bear witness that you were in Christ  
reconciling the world to yourself: help us  
to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the  
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

*(After the reading)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

*(After the reading)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**  
(The Apostles' Creed)

## **The Prayers**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

Our Father in heaven, we give thanks for the Church and for all that we receive through its worship, teaching and fellowship.

We pray for bishop Libby and the life of this diocese ...

For each other here and all who minister among us ...

For our fellow Christians in other places ...

Renew us by the Holy Spirit that we may grow as disciples of Christ.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for this nation and those in authority who serve the people with integrity and dedication. We pray for our Queen and government ...

For all who shape our culture, especially those working in the media ...

For people anywhere suffering from disaster, war or oppression ...

Bring justice to all, and the opportunity to make the most of their lives.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our community, and for those who cherish us. Strengthen the bonds of trust between husbands and wives, parents and children, friends and neighbours ...

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the health we have, and for the skills of those who attend to us when we are in need. Bring healing and encouragement to those suffering from ill-health, depression or frailty ...

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those whose memory we treasure ...

Grant us with them, and with all the saints the joy of eternal life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A HYMN may be sung**

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford. **Amen.**

(J. Newton)

**The BLESSING may be said**