

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
'Knowing what we ought to do'



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

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,
'Amen. Praise the Lord!'

(Ps. 106:1-2, 47-48)

PRAYER

God our Father, we are here to worship you and learn more of your love for us through Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope and love, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

We reflect silently, in the presence of our holy and merciful God, where our lives have gone wrong, and where we have failed to live up to the Christian values we profess ...

Let us confess our sins and shortcomings:

Gracious God, we pretend to be good when we are not ... How quick we are to find fault in others.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful Lord, we turn our backs on those who need us ... How slow we are to do good.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy God, we place our own interests above everything else ... How reluctant we are to seek your will.

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... (silent prayer)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive 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)

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

We affirm our faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers

INTERCESSIONS

(Thanksgivings and prayers ...)

We pray for the Church, for bishop Libby, and for all who lead, teach and minister in Christ's name ... Grant that we may be nourished in our faith, grow in Christ's love.

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those in authority to serve the cause of justice and human well-being ... Strengthen our Queen and the leaders of the nations with gifts of wisdom, courage and integrity, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those who are afflicted by natural disasters, or caught up in brutal conflicts ... Fill them with the resurrection hope that good will prevail, and bless all who stand with them in finding solutions to their difficulties.

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for the people we are called to serve, in the home, the parish and at work ...

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all who suffer from illness, loneliness or loss ... Raise them from despair to hopefulness and health.

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ... Strengthen all who mourn, with the sure hope that, in Christ, their loved ones are raised to fullness of life.

Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Accept all these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A HYMN may be sung

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Teach me my God and King
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.

Amen.

(George Herbert)

The BLESSING or the GRACE is said