

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*'May the Holy Spirit ... direct and rule our hearts'*



### The Gathering

#### THE GREETING

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

#### A HYMN may be sung

Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

(Luke 11:9-10, 13)

#### PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### PENITENCE

In the presence of our holy and merciful Lord, we measure our Christian lives against the nine-fold fruits listed by St Paul.

(Gal. 5:22-23)

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace.' Forgive us, Lord, when we have pursued our own interests rather than the things that make for peace.

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

'The fruit of the Spirit is patience, kindness and generosity.' Forgive us, Lord, when we have been intolerant of other people's failings, or uncaring about their needs.

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

'The fruit of the spirit is faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

Forgive us, Lord, when we have let people down, or failed to place our trust in you.

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 God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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)

(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

We affirm our faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**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

*(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)*

Our Father in heaven, we bring you our prayers for the church and for all people. Send your Holy Spirit to equip them with the gifts that are needed to serve you:

For our bishop Libby and all ministers of God's word and sacraments, that they may serve your church in love, and build up your people in truth and faith ...

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

For the peace and well-being of the world, for our Queen and the leaders of the nations and for the resolution of deep and bitter conflicts ...

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

For the innocent victims of violence or injustice, and for all who strive to overcome evil with good ...

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

For our families and those close to us, and for all who need our time, our attention and our care ...

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful and the dying, and for all who bring healing and hope to them ...

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ...

Father of all,

**grant us with them and all the saints, a share in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

A HYMN may be sung

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting Father, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin

or running into danger;

order us in all our doings;

and guide us to do always

what is right in your eyes;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Collect from Common Worship)*

**THE BLESSING or THE GRACE is said**