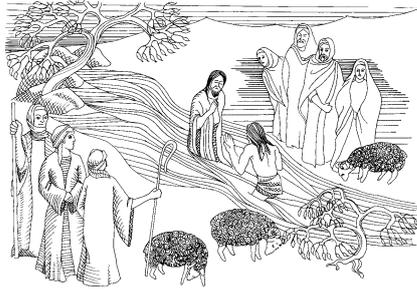


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Eager to do God's will'



The Gathering

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you. (1 Tim. 1:2)

And also with you.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

A HYMN may be sung

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
(Ps. 34:1, 3, 8)

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 God's holy presence let us examine the
words of our mouths, the deeds of our
bodies, and the desires of our minds,
confessing our sins to him ...

When we are quick to criticize others, but
slow to praise them ...

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

When we bear grudges, and find it hard to
forgive ...

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

When we think we are right, and impose
our views on others ...

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

When we let evil go unchallenged, and are
afraid to speak the truth ...

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

When we are preoccupied with ourselves,
and give little attention to others ...

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

When we trust in material things, more
than in God's unfailing love ...

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, 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)

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your
Church: by the Spirit's gifts
equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation the joys of eternal life;
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

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**
(from Eph. 3)

The Prayers

INTERCESSIONS

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

Father God,
by your grace we are your children:
through your Son we are redeemed from
sin; in the Spirit we are sent out as Christ's
witnesses, and servants of your Kingdom.

We pray for the Church in its life and
mission ...

We pray for bishop Libby and all ministers
of the gospel ...

We pray for new Christians, and those
searching for you ...

We pray for the suffering Church ...
Make our lives bear witness to the gospel
of Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer
and let our cry come to you.

We pray for the leaders of nations in the
great responsibilities they bear ...

We pray for our Queen and country ...

We pray for the local community ...

Make our lives to be of service to your
Kingdom that is coming.

Lord, hear our prayer

and let our cry come to you.

We pray for people in need ...

We pray for those who care for them ...

Make us eager to help whoever needs us.

Lord, hear our prayer

and let our cry come to you.

We give thanks for all that is good in life.
Help us to appreciate each other's talents,
and glorify God in the way we use them.

We remember with thanksgiving those
who have died ...

**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

May the love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself,

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service, and

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts.

Amen.

THE BLESSING may be said