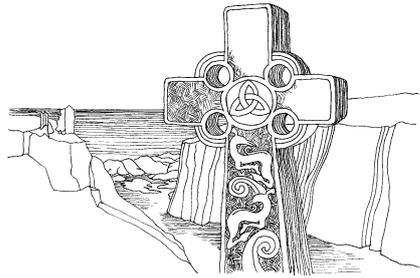


THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Serving God with a quiet mind'



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.

A HYMN may be sung

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy upon them,
and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon.
(Isa. 55:6-7)

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
give us the desire to seek first
God's will in all things.
Grant us the honesty to confess our sins,
and the humility to receive your
forgiveness.
Help us to listen to your Word,
and show forth your love,
in lives of service and sacrifice. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour
Christ says to all who truly turn to him:
'Come to me, all who labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'
(Matt. 11:28)

'God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.'

(John 3:16)

Hear what Saint Paul says: 'This saying is
true and worthy of full acceptance, that
Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners.'
(1 Tim. 1:15)

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and
faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and
peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. **Amen.****

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
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)

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their
sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
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

**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 ...)

God our Father, we pray for your blessing on all people:

Bless our Queen and those who take authority in this and other nations ...
May they govern with wisdom and integrity, and bring justice and peace to the world:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who lead the Church ...
May they be firm in faith, clear in vision, yet humble in your service:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who teach, in schools, colleges and universities ... May their skills help the young to achieve their best:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who suffer from ill-health or pain, loneliness or loss ...
Deliver them from their distress and grant them healing, patience and peace:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who care for the sick and frail.
May they bring strength and encouragement to others, and know your grace for themselves:

Father of all, **in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who go out to work each day.
May they use their gifts for the common good, and bear witness to Christ in the service they render:

Father of all, **in your mercy 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A HYMN may be sung

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works;

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

(Collect from Common Worship)

THE BLESSING may be said