

Order of Service for Second Sunday after Trinity

Gathering

We worship in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal:
Have mercy on us.**

Eternal God, source of all blessing,
Help us to worship you
With all our heart and mind and strength
For you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
For ever and ever:

Amen

**Faithful Creator
Whose mercy never fails:
Deepen our faithfulness to you
And to your living Word
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
This is your world and we are your people:
Come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful: **Forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and
Have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful: **Forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and
Failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful: **Forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
But have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful: **Forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,
Nor our neighbour as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful: **Forgive us our sin.**

Collect

Blessed is the Lord
For he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
And in our song we will praise our God.

Romans 6:1-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Reflection by the Ven. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Cheltenham

Confession

Affirmation of faith

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.

Readings

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.

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Creator of all people,
in our amazing diversity of size, shape, colour, and giftedness:
guide us, by your grace, to recognise the beauty and fitness
of all whom you have made in your own image.

Give us gifts of humility and generosity of spirit to recognise
in all people, the face of our Saviour, Jesus,
and to practice his commandment to “love one another;”
bringing harmony and peace among all colours, origins, and abilities,
for the sake of your Kingdom.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory

For ever and ever.

Amen.

Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

May the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.