

Order of Service for Fourth 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.**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus
You brought salvation to our wayward world:
Draw us into harmony with your will,
That we may find all things restored in him,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings by Hannah

Romans 7:15-25

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Reflection from Bishop Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester

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.

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 God our Father, whose Son came that we may have
life.

We give you thanks for the life and work
of all those whose vision founded our National Health Service,
and for those who serve others in care and compassion.
We pray that their work and ministry to the sick may enrich and
support the welfare of all.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all who provide leadership in healthcare,
for those who exercise stewardship and allocate resources
and pray that, in challenging times,
support and compassion may be shown to those most in need.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who promote health and wellbeing in policy and
practice;
for all who care for the sick, in hospital, in care homes, and at
home;
for doctors, nurses, care assistants and cleaners.
We seek guidance and strength for all chaplains,
and for all engaged in teaching and medical research.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
for those who are terminally ill, elderly or frail;
for all who live with a disability or in constant pain,
and for the many who strive to bring comfort and healing to them.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Remember in your kingdom, O Lord,
all those who have faithfully served you here on earth and are now
at rest;
grant us, with them, and with all the faithful departed, the joy of
your salvation.
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.

Blessing

May the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.