

Order of Service for Fifth 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.**

Almighty God,
Send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,
And kindle in all who minister the gospel
Your countless gifts of grace
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect

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.**

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 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reflection from Archdeacon Hilary

Confession

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.**

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

Everlasting God, we bring our prayers to you, Lord of all nations,
asking that your blessing of love and peace may be known to all
people everywhere. Help us to bear abundant fruit from the seeds
of potential that you have planted within us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we pray for your church, especially for the people you
have called to be prophets and teachers in our generation. We pray
that they will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit and
that through them your Church will reveal the good news of
salvation and draw all people together under your rule of justice
and mercy. As we start to move forward to meet once again in our
Church buildings, we pray that we may do it safely and sensibly, and
in ways that help those who are still unsure about attending that
this is not a problem and that we and God will understand their
reticence.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we are your chosen stewards of this beautiful world;
you provide us with seed, and soil to sow them in, but sometimes
we abuse this privilege and so we look to you for forgiveness for
the damage we have done to this earth and pray that you would
show us ways of healing the wounds that we have inflicted on the
land, ourselves and on each other.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray that in our communities all will be welcome
and accepted regardless of nationality, colour, gender or status and
that we will seek always to serve you and our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, in one another.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of
body, mind or spirit, asking that they will sense the touch of your
loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each
and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we remember before you all those who have died.
May they see your salvation and find their peace in you. We
especially pray for those who are grieving their loss, bring the
comfort of your presence.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for
others. We ask you to accept them and to use them, and us so that
your will may be done on earth and that more of your kingdom
may be revealed to those who seek you.

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.