

## Order of Service for Seventh 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.**

### *Collect*

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:  
Though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
Make it grow to your glory  
And the flourishing of your kingdom;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *Confession*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptation in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

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.**

### *Readings*

*Romans 8:26-end*

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

### *Reflection*

### *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*

We pray for the world around us; for the environment; for peace  
where there is conflict; for racial and social justice to be seen  
throughout the world.

We pray for our communities; for those who are shielding; for  
those who are fearful, for those working for the good of others in  
many different ways in our community.

We pray for all who work in the NHS and for all key workers and  
those on whom we rely.

We pray for our church community as we seek new ways of  
fulfilling our calling as the Church in these times.

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbours. We pray for those  
who are ill and for those who are struggling financially or  
emotionally at this time.

We pray for those who are grieving as we remember those who  
have died. In the stillness we take a moment we bring our prayers  
to 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.**