

Alongsiders' Prayers for June 2020

June 07, 2020

Trinity Sunday

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28: 19-20A

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-2: 4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

God created all things and us to be in love and harmony with each other; to live in peace and to do what is pleasing in His sight; to spread His love to everyone, and His grace will be sufficient for us all. Spread the good news and praise His Holy Name.

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Come let us return to the Lord who loves us, and pray to Him now.

God of truth, we pray that your church may be led in the way of truth, and an ever deepening understanding of your nature and your will. We pray for Rev. Wayne and Rev. Sam and our Parish of All Saints. We pray for right priorities and softening of the ground of our hearts.

Come, let us return to the Lord.

God of power, we pray for those with authority, influence and power in our world; for all who are easily led, often against their conscience. We pray for a re-aligning of right values and a reawakening of mutual respect and trust.

Come, let us return to the Lord.

God of loving kindness, watch over our homes and families, friends and neighbours, especially in this uncertain time of Covid 19. We pray for those who wish us harm and those we find difficult to love.

Come, let us return to the Lord.

God of mercy and compassion, we bring to you all those who, through illness, accident, age, abuse or human weakness, are suffering. Gather them up in your love and give your healing, your strength and courage, your hope and wholeness. We make ourselves available as channels of your love.

Come, let us return to the Lord.

God of glory, we worship you with all creation. We worship you with the sun and stars, all land, sea and sky, all that grows and moves, all that is still and reflective, all that breathes.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

June 14, 2020

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Psalm 116: 12-14

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 18: 1-15

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35-10: 8

Nothing is impossible with God. Abraham and Sarah certainly found this to be true, as we do know as well. The Lord hears our prayers and answers. The Lord is gracious. We are justified by our faith in Jesus Christ, and He has poured out His love for us while we were still sinners. Jesus calls us to declare this message to all, the saving grace that is given freely to us to pass on to others. Praise His name.

Collect: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jesus sends His ambassadors out to proclaim God's kingdom and bring hope and peace of mind to the harassed and lost in every age. Let us join in praying together with all God's people to the Lord of the harvest.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, and above all for your love in dying for us, who so often act as your enemies. Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace with you, and fill your church with love for all who do not yet know your peace.

You, O Lord, you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for the diversity and richness of our world, for the natural goodness of many, and the innocence of the very young. We pray for all victims of our world's mistakes and evils, and ask for your guidance and courage for our leaders and advisors.

You, O Lord, you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for joy of our families and friendships, and the opportunities provided in our homes for learning what real love is all about. We pray for those we love and worry about, for those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping.

You, O Lord, you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all the medical research that has brought healing and quality of life to so many. We pray especially now for a vaccine for the coronavirus. May your will be done. We pray for all who work in healthcare and for all patients in their care. We pray for all who suffer from mental health and long for peace of mind which eludes them.

You, O Lord, you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all who have lived your praise and worked for the coming of your kingdom. Receive into the joy of heaven all who have died in faith, whose strong hope in the eternal God is not disappointed, but fulfilled.

You, O Lord, you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all who sense your calling and respond to it with joy. We pray for more workers in your harvest to gather in many to share the joy of your peace.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in our sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19: 14

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40: 25-31

Psalm 19

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 1: 1-18

When we put our hope and trust in God, He will equip us to get us through whatever comes our way. We must not be anxious, but pray and be thankful. God will bless us and grant us a peace which passes all understanding. He sent Jesus to be with us to offer grace to endure everything. Isaiah says those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Thanks be to God for His love.

Collect: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

When we are willing to take up our cross with Jesus, we will also know His risen life. Let us pray to our heavenly Father, who is familiar with our world and understands our humanity.

Lord of all, wherever Christians are ridiculed or persecuted for their faith, we ask your courage and inner strength; wherever we are called to be your witnesses, we ask for the grace to communicate your love; wherever love for you has grown cold, we ask you to fan the flames again.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive to God

Lord, wherever the human spirit is ground down by oppression, and wherever our silence allows injustice and corruption to flourish, we ask for deeper compassion and commitment. We ask for our kingdoms to become your kingdoms, and the desire of your heart to be ours.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive to God.

Lord of all, wherever families are struggling to stay together, and wherever there are ongoing arguments and family feuds, we ask your anointing for tranquility and harmony; wherever children are unwanted and loved, neglected or in danger, we ask for your protection and help.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive to God.

Lord, wherever minds, bodies or spirits are wracked with pain or too weak or exhausted to pray, we ask for the bathing love of your presence, and the practical caring of hands working in your name; wherever there are doubts and battle is strong, we ask your empowering and clear guidance.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive in God.

Lord of all, wherever the dying are anxious and afraid, we ask your peace; wherever the faithful have passed from this life into eternity, we commend them to your unchanging and everlasting love.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive in God.

Lord, wherever nature's beauty or daily miracles around us alert us to see your face, we thank you for the grace to live this resurrection life.

In Christ we can be dead to sin, and alive in God.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

June 28, 2020

4th Sunday after Pentecost

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 22: 1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42

In times of testing or sin we question if God is with us. If we persevere, hope and trust and keep the faith, we know our prayers will be answered and God will mightily bless us beyond what we ask or imagine. Trust as Abraham trusted God and rejoice in our salvation, for the gift of eternal life for all the good we do and the love of God we show to others.

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As Christ's people we are no longer slaves to sin, but available for righteousness. Let us focus our bodies, minds, hearts and wills as we pray to the God of all creation.

Holy God, you are the focus of our love and worship, because you alone are the Lord who has made us and rescued us. May we not return to the slavery of sin, but live in your freedom, serving you with joy, in thankfulness for all you have done for us.

Heal us, Lord, and use us for your glory.

Holy God, though the world may often reject you, you never fail to believe in us and love us with tenderness. We pray for all areas of conflict, deceit, mismanagement and greed, and for all who are drawn into the chaos of evil.

Heal us, Lord, and use us for your glory.

Holy God, we thank you for all who lovingly look after those in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons. We pray for all who need such care and rely on others for help.

Heal us, Lord, and use us for your glory.

Holy God, we call to mind those who have recently died and thank you for each act of goodness in their lives. Have mercy on them and forgive their failings, so they may share the joy of heaven for ever.

Heal us, Lord, and use us for your glory.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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