

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 1: SUNDAY 14 JUNE

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:

That we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, come to us:

That we may know your love.

Father, receive our prayers:

That we may deepen our trust in you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for the First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

PSALM 100

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**
- ³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**
- ⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

BIBLE READING Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we ³boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SERMON Rev Richard Taylor: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

For further reflection (Romans 5.1-2):

If God's story of justification means being at peace with our past (whatever we have done) standing in grace in the present (whatever we are going through) and living in hope for the future (beyond current tensions, complexities and fears) what might this mean for the following stories through which we are living:

1. climate change?
2. black lives matter?
3. corona virus?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

We pray that God's Holy Spirit may direct our lives.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace.'

Father, we know that your world needs love and harmony.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

'The fruit of the Spirit is patience, kindness and goodness.'

Father, we know that our world is often starved of love and care.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

'The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'

Father, we know that our world is often short of truth and justice.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Take a few moments to name places and situations of concern before God here.

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.

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and watch over you,

the Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you,

the Lord look kindly on you

and give you peace.

THIS WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING IS AT 7PM ON SUNDAY 14 JUNE.

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