

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 2: SUNDAY 21 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 Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18

- ⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.
⁸ I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
¹⁰ When I humbled my soul with fasting
they insulted me for doing so.
¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.
¹⁸ Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.

BIBLE READING Matthew 10.24-39

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them

will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON Rev Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. Which of your beliefs, if any, cause disagreements with your family and friends?
2. Do you stand your ground over such differences of opinion or keep your views to yourself?
3. How do you think you would react if you had to choose between your faith and your family?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Firstly, let us take some time to notice how many good things surround us, how much our lives have been blessed over the last week.

Silence

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, national and local, for issues large and small. We ask for God's guidance and grace, that he will circle us with the light of the gospel.

Silence

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We know many people are struggling today with illness, big decisions or major crises in life. We pray for them and name before God any known to us personally, asking him to surround them with his healing touch and the peace of his presence.

Silence

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

Each of us has things on our mind, perhaps things we hesitate to mention to anyone else, but we can be confident that our heavenly Father understands, so let us bring these personal prayers to him now.

Silence

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

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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