

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 19: SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 96:1-9

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.

BIBLE READING Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,

saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- *What words in that reading do I particularly remember and why?*
- *Who or where in the world does this reading remind me of?*
- *Was the reading intended to have an effect on what I think, what I do or what I believe?*

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

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray for the Church, for the world and for all those in need.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gift of life.

Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace with you, and fill your Church with love.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the diversity and richness of your world.

We pray for all victims of our world's mistakes and evils and ask your guidance and courage for our leaders.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships and remember households where relationships are strained. We pray for those we love and worry about, and those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the medical research that has brought healing and quality of life to so many, and we pray for the scientists' ongoing work. We pray for all who work in our hospitals, hospices and care homes and for all the people in their care. We remember those who are anxious or afraid and ask for your protection and peace of mind.

Lord, in your mercy: **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.

Amen.