

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 20: SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

God is spirit.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

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 Twentieth 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 1

1 Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

BIBLE READING Matthew 22:23-33

23 The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, 24 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.'" 25 Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. 26 The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. 27 Last of all, the woman herself died. 28 In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.'

29 Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31 And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you

by God, 32 “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.’ 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

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

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.