

Psalms, Collects and Readings for Trinity 13-16

Trinity 13 Sunday September 11

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 51:1-12

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,**

5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.

**6 I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

**8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.**

11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.**

Reading: Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Trinity 14 Sunday September 18

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 113

1 Alleluia. Give praise, you servants of the Lord,
O praise the name of the Lord.

**2 Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth and for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**4 The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the Lord our God, that has his throne so high,
yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?

**6 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ashes,**

7 To set them with princes,
with the princes of his people.

**8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house
and makes her a joyful mother of children. Alleluia.**

Reading: Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into

the eternal homes. ¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Trinity 15 Sunday September 25

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 146

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

**2 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power,
for there is no help in them.**

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;
on that day all their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

**6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;**

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

**10 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.**

Reading: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵ But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷ He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

Trinity 16 Sunday October 2

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence

and know your peace at our lives’ end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 37:1-9

1 Fret not because of evildoers;
be not jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like grass
and like the green herb fade away.**

3 Trust in the Lord and be doing good;
dwell in the land and be nourished with truth.

**4 Let your delight be in the Lord
and he will give you your heart’s desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord and wait for him;
do not fret over those that prosper
as they follow their evil schemes.

**8 Refrain from anger and abandon wrath;
do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil.**

9 For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

Reading: Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’