

Readings, Psalms and Collects for Trinity 9-12

Trinity 9 Sunday August 6

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

**9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.**

14 The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.

**15 The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.**

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

**17 You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.**

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

**19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

**21 The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.**

Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Trinity 10 Sunday August 13

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

**9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.**

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Trinity 11 Sunday August 20

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

**4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

**6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at

all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Trinity 12 Sunday August 27

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.
that I may go about your altar,

Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.