

Readings, Psalms and Collects for Trinity 9-12

Trinity 9 Sunday August 14

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 82

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

**2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?**

3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;

**4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,**

7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

**8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.**

Reading: Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against

three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Trinity 10 Sunday August 21

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 103:1-8

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

**2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;**

3 Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**4 Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;**

5 Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**6 The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and of great kindness.

Reading: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Trinity 11 Sunday August 28

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 81:1, 10-16

1 Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

10 'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt;

open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

11 But my people would not hear my voice
and Israel would not obey me.

12 **So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts,
and let them walk after their own counsels.**

13 O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 **Then I should soon put down their enemies
and turn my hand against their adversaries.**

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 **But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.**

Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Trinity 12 Sunday September 4

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 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

Reading: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with

ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.