

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
(06.09.2020)**

**GREETING**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Hold out your hands, God of grace, and receive all that we offer.  
Take our lives, our love and all that we bring in faith today,  
and use us and our gifts for the well-being of the world.  
**Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION**

God, who does not turn away from the truth about our life,  
even unto death,  
we confess that we have far less courage.  
We often pretend to ourselves,  
we often pretend to others,  
and sometimes we even try to pretend in your presence.  
If we are afraid to see who we have become,  
if we are too grieved about our lives to ask for forgiveness,  
or if we are too proud to ask others for forgiveness:  
**Stand before us in the truth of your costly grace.**

When our lives celebrate comfort and complacency  
instead of the journey of faith,  
when we close off the reality of the lives of others  
because it demands a response we will not give:  
**Speak before us in the truth of your costly grace, Jesus Christ.**  
**Speak into our hearts in new ways,**  
**the ways of your faithfulness to us, O God.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Even as we pray,  
the life of Jesus  
moves towards all that would destroy us,  
healing, loving and bringing grace.  
We are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **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. **Amen.**

## **READINGS**

*Romans 13: 8-14*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### *Matthew 18: 15-20*

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

### **REFLECTION**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith together:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

## **THE PEACE**

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

*Romans 12.9,17,18*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught his disciples, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness,  
and protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors. **Amen.**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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