

Morning Prayer
15th June - Trinity Sunday
(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you have created all things
and by your will they have their being.
You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed us for God.
From every tribe and language and nation
you have made us to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.
To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.
Amen.

from Revelation 4 and 5

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

² At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

³ beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

⁴ 'To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all humanity.

²² 'The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

²³ I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.
²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so that the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benedictus

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be for ever.
Amen.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for God to draw us ever closer, that we may love him more*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

O God beyond us, lead us forward to pray.
O God beside us, teach us gently to pray,
O God within us, still our hearts to pray.
O God beyond us, give us faith.
O Christ beside us, give us peace.
O Spirit within us, give us life.
Amen.

John Pritchard

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
by all angels, all people, all creatures,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Our benefice service of Holy Communion today takes place at
Kirkby Malzeard at 10.30 am*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.