



Collect and Readings for Holy Communion Services

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Registered Charity 1132975

18 September 2022

Trinity 14 *Proper 20*

The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *1 Timothy 2.1-7*

My dearly beloved, ¹I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel *Luke 16.1-13*

¹Jesus 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. ²So 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."
³Then 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. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No 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.'



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25 September 2022 Trinity 15

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading / *Timothy 6.6-16*

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. **Amen.**

Gospel *Luke 16.19-31*

Jesus said, ¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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." ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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." ²⁷The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - ²⁸for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹Abraham 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."

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2 October 2022

Trinity 15 *Proper 22*

Baptism & Holy Communion

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen

First Reading *2 Timothy 1.1-14 (edited)*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel *Luke 17.5-10*

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶The 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.

⁷Who 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”? ⁸Would 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”? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So 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!””



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9 October 2022

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Deuteronomy 24.19-22*

¹⁹When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

²¹When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²²Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

Gospel *John 6.1-13*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.



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16 October 2022

Trinity 18 *Proper 24*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *2 Timothy 3.14-4.5*

¹⁴Continue in what you have learned and
firmly believed, knowing from whom
you learned it, ¹⁵and how from
childhood you have known the sacred
writings that are able to instruct you for
salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is
useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in
righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who
belongs to God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ
Jesus, who is to judge the living and the
dead, and in view of his appearing and
his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

²proclaim the message; be persistent
whether the time is favourable or
unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and
encourage, with the utmost patience in

teaching. ³For the time is coming when
people will not put up with sound
doctrine, but having itching ears, they
will accumulate for themselves teachers
to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn
away from listening to the truth and
wander away to myths. ⁵As for you,
always be sober, endure suffering, do
the work of an evangelist, carry out
your ministry fully.

Gospel *Luke 18.1-8*

¹Jesus told his disciples a parable about
their need to pray always and not to
lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city
there was a judge who neither feared
God nor had respect for people. ³In that
city there was a widow who kept
coming to him and saying, "Grant me
justice against my opponent." ⁴For a
while he refused; but later he said to
himself, "Though I have no fear of God
and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because
this widow keeps bothering me, I will
grant her justice, so that she may not
wear me out by continually coming."

⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the
unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God
grant justice to his chosen ones who cry
to him day and night? Will he delay long
in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will
quickly grant justice to them. And yet,
when the Son of Man comes, will he find
faith on earth?'



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23 October 2022

Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest
them that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word, we may
embrace and for ever hold fast the hope
of everlasting life, which you have given
us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.

First Reading *Psalm 119.129-136*

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**Refrain: The opening of your word
gives light.**

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw in my
breath,
as I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your
name.

**Refrain: The opening of your word
gives light.**

¹³³ Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion
over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your
commandments.

¹³⁵ Show the light of your countenance
upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes run down with streams of
water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law.

**Refrain: The opening of your word
gives light.**

Gospel *Luke 18.9-14*

⁹Jesus told this parable to some who
trusted in themselves that they were
righteous and regarded others with
contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the
temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the
other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee,
standing by himself, was praying thus,
“God, I thank you that I am not like
other people: thieves, rogues,
adulterers, or even like this tax-
collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a
tenth of all my income.” ¹³But the tax-
collector, standing far off, would not
even look up to heaven, but was beating
his breast and saying, “God, be merciful
to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴I tell you, this man
went down to his home justified rather
than the other; for all who exalt
themselves will be humbled, but all who
humble themselves will be exalted.’



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30 October 2022

All Saints' Day

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading *2 Esdras 2.42-28*

⁴²I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. ⁴³In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. ⁴⁴Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my lord?' ⁴⁵He answered and said to me, 'These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms.' ⁴⁶Then I said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?' ⁴⁷He answered and said to me, 'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.' So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of

the Lord. ⁴⁸Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

Gospel *Luke 6:20-31*

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes

you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to

everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask

for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.