

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Your word is a lantern to our feet

**a light upon our path.**

*A candle may be lit and silence is kept.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord our God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets".

### **Prayer of Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all people.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,**

**love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son

and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

### **Prayer**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness.

In Jesus Christ you proclaim good news to the poor,

liberty to captives, sight to the blind

and freedom for the oppressed.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
bringing life and health, wholeness and peace.

In the renewal of our lives

you make known your heavenly glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Psalm 104**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦  
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain ♦  
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.
- 4 You make the clouds your chariot ♦  
and ride on the wings of the wind.
- 5 You make the winds your messengers ♦  
and flames of fire your servants.
- 6 You laid the foundations of the earth, ♦  
that it never should move at any time.
- 7 You covered it with the deep like a garment; ♦  
the waters stood high above the hills.
- 8 At your rebuke they fled; ♦  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath, ♦  
to the place which you had appointed for them.
- 10 You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, ♦  
nor turn again to cover the earth.

**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.**

### **The Bible readings for the 21st Sunday after Trinity**

Job 37:1-7, 34-41 – *Job is again reminded that God's ways are not his (or our) ways.*

Hebrews 5:1-10 – *The writer describes Jesus as the Great High Priest who by his obedience to God through suffering has brought us salvation.*

Mark 10:35-45 – *Jesus again foretells his death and resurrection, but James & John not understanding (like the other disciples) ask him for places of honour.*

*(A few moments of quiet for thought, thanksgiving & reflection)*

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. *Hebrews 5:7-10*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a servant,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore, God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*(Philippians 2.6-11)*

**Prayers** *(we can add our own prayers at each section)*

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.

Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us:

pray for your Church, your broken body in the world ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,

enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high:

pray for the world, and make it subject to your just and gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Teacher and Lord, you teach us the way to live, and we give you thanks for all who work in education, encourage & inspire them in the nurture of our children & young people, and we continue to pray for all of our schools ...

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life and love of God:

Bring healing & comfort to all who are suffering, anxious, vulnerable and alone.

*(We lift before God those who we know...)*

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,

bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection:

pray for all who are dying, that they may trust in your promises ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation,

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;

for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Collect for 21st Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
in whose service lies perfect freedom:  
teach us to obey you  
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** *(or the traditional form, if you prefer)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come; your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May the love of the Lord Jesus,  
draw us to himself.  
May the power of the Lord Jesus,  
strengthen us in his service.  
May the joy of the Lord Jesus, fill our hearts;  
and the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, now and always. **Amen.**

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