

Morning Prayer at home Seventh Sunday after Trinity: 26 July 2020



at St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon

Hymn: The Spirit lives to set us free

Click here to listen or sing along with the lyrics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnt4ST8HGQA

Preparation

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

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Although apart we have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

This or another suitable invitation to confession may be used

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Blessed is the Lord, for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, holy and undivided Trinity: because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that we may grow into your likeness, and be changed from glory to glory.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Readings (see separate sheet)
At the end of each reading the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The readings may be followed by a time of silence.

Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

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These acclamations may be made:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Or:

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ, that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,

for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit

give praise and dominion, honour and might, for ever and ever.

Amen.

cf Ephesians 1.3-6

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church. the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered (see separate sheet).

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 is said

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.

Sermon

A short talk by the Dean of St Albans (goes live at 8.00am Sunday) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AqqIqFff2w&feature=youtu.be

Hymn: Majesty, worship his majesty

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The Conclusion

Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve all people

in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or:

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.

The Blessing

This or another suitable blessing may be used:

God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Or:

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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