

Morning Prayer

at home with your
Parish Church

in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Sunday 28th July 2024

Preparation

You may wish to mark your time of worship by arranging a table with a cloth, a candle and your Bible, or anything, such as flowers, that makes it a special reflective space.

Music: click on the links to hear and join in the music. Click stop at the end of each.

HYMN [Bread of heaven, on thee we feed](#)

1. Bread of heav'n, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

(words: Josiah Conder; music: William Dalrymple Maclagan)

2. Vine of heav'n, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

At home, we pause to remember those gathered in Church who, in turn remember us.

We take this time, united in 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 find new ways to serve God.

Prayers of Penitence

We confess:

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking and speaking: the hurts I have done to others, and good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise me to newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We keep silence, then pray:

May almighty God who forgives all who truly repent have mercy upon us, pardon us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT READING - [Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

PSALM *If you are able, you might stand to read this psalm aloud.*

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad

GOSPEL READING – [John 6.1-21](#)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand and turn to look in the direction of Church, to emphasise our gathering around a precious, shared story, and respond to our Colossians reading:

We declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles,

this we have received and this we believe. Amen. (cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

Prayers

We pray THE COLLECT for The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven...

FOR REFLECTION

In our reading from the gospel, we are told that a large crowd kept on following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. The passage does not tell us that they wanted to learn more or they themselves needed healing. It almost makes it seem like it had become a real life show for the crowds, a Netflix series that we click next episode in the comfort of our homes or like EastEnders.

This introduction describes people like us and here is a chance for us to ponder and reflect with the question, why do we believe what we believe? Why have we given our lives to Christ? Are we following the crowd or do we still own our faith? Do we go to church for the right reasons or to see what others are doing? Are we open to having an encounter with God?

When we expand this to our everyday life, who do we follow and why do we follow them? Is it that we like the drama? Is it to be inspired? Is it to find fault? Is it to get gossip to share? Is it to learn? Is it to offer and share the fruits of the spirit as children of God?

We cannot hide from God for he knows our thoughts and what is in our hearts.

We can ask God to refocus us if that is what we need, to not please people if that is why we do the things we do, to open us to walk the walk of faith with honesty and truth.

We turn our reflection into PRAYERS: allow the Holy Spirit to lead and add to these as you wish

Generous God, your love sets us free and fills us with your grace. Set our hearts at peace that we may trust in your rich bounty. Give us patient and pure hearts, O God.

Generous God, we pray for all troubled by their economic state:
Bless our leaders with the gift of discernment and wisdom as they lead.

Generous God, we pray for our community. Bind us together to work in unity and expand our charity to reach all your people.

Generous God, your compassion extends throughout creation. Hear our prayer for all in any kind of need. Among those in our community who are unwell, we remember Adrian Koslowski, Tricia Howard, Bill Myring, Howard Drury, Charlotte Dunlop, Martina Osborne, John Wallace-Howell, Shelagh Prain, Roger, Tony Price and Richard Tetlow.
Sustain them and restore in them hope in you.

Generous God, you are the source and goal of life. We lay before your love all who have died
At the final judgement draw us all to your treasury in heaven.

HYMN [O Lord, all the world belongs to you](#)

1. O Lord, all the world belongs to you,
and you are always making all things new.
What is wrong you forgive, and the new life you give
is what's turning the world upside down.

2. The world's only loving to its friends,
but you have brought us love that never ends;
loving enemies too, and this loving with you
is what's turning the world upside down.

3. The world lives divided and apart.
You draw us all together and we start,
in your body, to see that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.

4. The world wants the wealth to live in state,
but you show us a new way to be great:
like a servant you came, and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down.

5. O Lord, all the world belongs to you,
and you are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all in your Church, whom you call
to be turning the world upside down.

(words & music: Patrick Appleford, arr Andrew Moore)

Imagining all whom we miss, we pray for each other:

**The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

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