

Readings and Collects for Trinity 5-8

Trinity 5 Sunday July 17

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing that is right;**

3 Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue;

**4 Who does no evil to a friend
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;**

5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,
but who honours those who fear the Lord.

**6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour
and never goes back on that word;**

7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

**8 Whoever does these things
shall never fall.**

Reading: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her,

'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Trinity 6 Sunday July 24

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

**2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

**4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

**8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.**

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Trinity 7 Sunday July 31

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all you that dwell in the world,

**² You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**⁴ I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.**

⁵ Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,

**⁶ Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their riches?**

⁷ For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance.

**⁸ To ransom a soul is too costly;
there is no price one could pay for it,**

⁹ So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave.

**¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they perish
and leave their riches to others.**

¹¹ Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their own names.

**¹² Those who have honour, but lack understanding,
are like the beasts that perish.**

Reading: Luke 12:13-21

¹² ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will

store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Trinity 8 Sunday August 7

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own.

**13 The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

**15 He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.**

16 No king is saved by the might of his host;
no warrior delivered by his great strength.

**17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,

on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

19 To deliver their soul from death

and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have set our hope on you.

Luke 12: 32-40

³² Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’