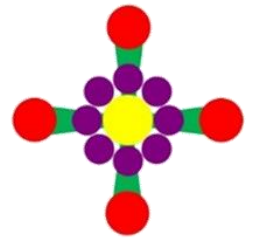


**The Benefice of
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Trinity 19**



Pray for the Holy Spirit to make you aware of the stillness and energy of God

Almighty God,
Unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

My brothers and sisters,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

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

Amen.

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: : Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection from Daniel

Proverbs 30 verses 8-9 say:

"give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.

Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'

Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonour the name of my God."

This is a prayer which reflects our reading from Deuteronomy. The idea that if we end up with too much, we can become arrogant. The passage in Deuteronomy also reminds us that even in the desert with God, we never have too little. But, if we remember the story of the people with Moses in the desert, when they felt like they had a little, it often seemed like they ran out of options and were far more likely to do something foolish or regrettable. I think if I had been wandering around in the desert sun, I might have got a bit irritable too.

Interestingly (or interesting to a vicar at least), the proverb is part of the sayings of Agur. And we have no idea who he is, or how his sayings got into the Bible. We don't think he was a Hebrew. It is the equivalent of writing a Christian book and quoting The Beatles. I suppose when they, "Give me money, that's what I want", is probably closer to the prayers many of us end up praying. However, when Jesus decided to pray, he takes a line right out of the book of Agur, asking only for daily bread. The Swedish actually have a word for this: Lagum. It means just the right amount – an elegant sufficiency as my dad would say.

Last week at harvest time we were looking at gratitude and considering the needs of those less fortunate. This week, I want to encourage us to think about our needs, but to think about the just enough, the daily bread, the Goldie Locks zone: not too hot, not too cold; not too big, not too small; not too hard, not too soft. When we look at what lies ahead, are we wandering in the desert, anxious as to whether God will provide, or are we in the promise land surrounded by milk and honey (which sounds rather sticky to be honest). It is probably easy to pray for just enough when we feel we don't have enough. It could be trickier to pray for just enough when we are already amply supplied.

But the reason given by Agur is not about some kind of socialism, or the needs of others – although the Bible is very clear on the importance of this elsewhere – here, the importance is for us. It is so we neither disown God in our arrogance or dishonour him in our desperation. The Bible has an uncomfortable amount to say about money, especially to a Yorkshire man, but that is because there is a big connection between our comfort and our character, our well being and our dependence. This week, maybe we could ask God to show us what it is we need. Not to take away or give, but just to give us clarity of what that "Lagum", that just enough is, so we can begin to understand a path that maybe we could begin to walk.

Affirmation of our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Our Prayers today are led by Beverly Hurst

Lord, as we prepare to pray during our worship today, let us remember your unfailing love and compassion towards us. How you have the capacity to forgive our transgressions and welcome us into your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all our clergy, lay preachers and all those who minister in different ways to the needs of our parishioners. To those who outreach to people unable to get to church anymore, to those who minister to our friends at Laurel Bank and to all those visits, whether to minister Holy Communion or to visit, listen and provide comfort, we ask your blessings on them.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask your blessings on our communities, to the schools and organisations amongst us. We ask that the links we make between people and places, help to encourage people to look to you Lord Jesus and see how living a life with Christ can be transforming, bring comfort, gentleness and peace in what can be a hectic and busy life.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all those areas of the world that are in the midst of conflict and war, Sudan, the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia. We think of all the innocent people caught up in the conflicts, how their lives have been affected, the families torn apart and separated. We remember those who lost their lives in the attack, three years ago in Israel on the 7th October. We pray for peace across the world, we pray that all world leaders will strive for peace and not war.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our homes, that they are a place of safety and peace.
We pray for our families and friends that we can all live in harmony.
Life, as we all know, can be short and being at odds with one another, can lead to unhappiness and hurt fullness.
Lord, we pray that all those who have discord in their lives, find reconciliation and harmony.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are ill, in hospital or at home. We remember those who we know, who now find themselves in a situation where they have health issues that affect their daily living, making them forced to make adjustments. We pray that they can be as well as they can and find joy in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for all those who have died and are now safe in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all those loved ones, friends and family who have died. We remember them with love and happy memories, knowing that they are in a good place, sharing the peace of your everlasting kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

**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 forever. Amen**

Closing Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
The Lord be gracious to you and give you peace.
And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and evermore.

Amen.

Sending Out

Freely you have received, freely give.
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.