

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put
their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without
you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and
deed;
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

New Testament Reading

2. Corinthians 4.13-5.1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of
faith that is in accordance with
scripture – ‘I believed, and so I
spoke’ – we also believe, and so we
speak, ¹⁴because we know that the
one who raised the Lord Jesus will
raise us also with Jesus, and will
bring us with you into his presence.
¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so
that grace, as it extends to more and
more people, may increase
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even
though our outer nature is wasting

away, our inner nature is being
renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight
momentary affliction is preparing us
for an eternal weight of glory beyond
all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at
what can be seen but at what cannot
be seen; for what can be seen is
temporary, but what cannot be seen
is eternal.

¹For we know that if the earthly tent
we live in is destroyed, we have a
building from God, a house not made
with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my
whole heart; before the gods I sing
your praise;

**² I bow down towards your holy
temple and give thanks to your
name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness; for you have
exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered
me, you increased my strength of
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, for great is the glory of the
LORD.

**⁶ For though the LORD is high, he
regards the lowly; but the
haughty he perceives from far
away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, you preserve me against the
wrath of my enemies; you stretch
out your hand, and your right hand
delivers me.

**⁸ The LORD will fulfil his purpose
for me; your steadfast love, O
LORD, endures for ever. Do not
forsake the work of your hands.**

**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.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 3.20-end

²⁰The crowd came together again, so
that Jesus and his companions could
not even eat. ²¹When his family
heard it, they went out to restrain
him, for people were saying, ‘He has
gone out of his mind.’ ²²And the
scribes who came down from
Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul,
and by the ruler of the demons he
casts out demons.’ ²³And he called
them to him, and spoke to them in
parables, ‘How can Satan cast out
Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided
against itself, that kingdom cannot

stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – ³⁰for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers!

³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Moira and Allan Law, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson,

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Lyn Shiel, Graham Stevens,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Cynthia Attwell, Steve Baker, Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, the Martel family, Marielouise Oliver, Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, Alison Toplis, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Rona and Albert Martin

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SERVICE SHEET

6th June

Trinity 1

The Benedicite – a Song of Creation

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.