

### **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are  
nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all  
virtues,  
without which whoever lives is  
counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus  
Christ's sake,  
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 5.6-10[11-13] 14-17**

Brothers and sisters, <sup>6</sup>we are always  
confident; even though we know that  
while we are at home in the body we  
are away from the Lord – <sup>7</sup>for we walk  
by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have  
confidence, and we would rather be  
away from the body and at home with  
the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home  
or away, we make it our aim to please  
him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before  
the judgement seat of Christ, so that  
each may receive recompense for what  
has been done in the body, whether  
good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the  
Lord, we try to persuade others; but  
we ourselves are well known to God,  
and I hope that we are also well known

to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not  
commending ourselves to you again,  
but giving you an opportunity to boast  
about us, so that you may be able to  
answer those who boast in outward  
appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For  
if we are beside ourselves, it is for  
God; if we are in our right mind, it is  
for you. <sup>14</sup>The love of Christ urges us  
on, because we are convinced that one  
has died for all; therefore all have  
died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that  
those who live might live no longer for  
themselves, but for him who died and  
was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard  
no one from a human point of view;  
even though we once knew Christ from  
a human point of view, we know him  
no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is  
in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see,  
everything has become new!

### **Psalm 92.1-4,12-end**

<sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O  
Most High;

**<sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in  
the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**

<sup>3</sup> to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**<sup>4</sup> For you, O LORD, have made me  
glad by your work;**

**at the works of your hands I  
sing for joy.**

<sup>12</sup> The righteous flourish like the palm  
tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**<sup>13</sup> They are planted in the house of  
the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our  
God.**

<sup>14</sup> In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of  
sap,

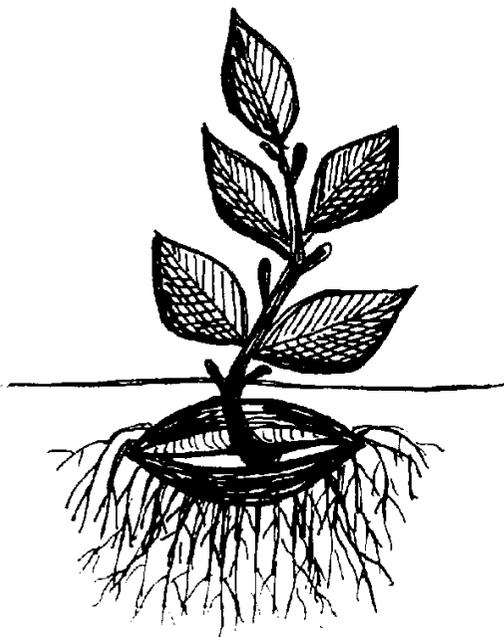
**<sup>15</sup> showing that the LORD is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no  
unrighteousness in him.**

**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 4.26-34**

Such a large crowd gathered around  
Jesus that he got into a boat and  
began to teach them using many  
parables. <sup>26</sup>Jesus said, 'The kingdom of  
God is as if someone would scatter  
seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep  
and rise night and day, and the seed  
would sprout and grow, he does not  
know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of  
itself, first the stalk, then the head,  
then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But  
when the grain is ripe, at once he goes

in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'  
<sup>30</sup>Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'  
<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**ST MICHAEL**

***Those newly in need of prayer***

Doug Little, 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***

Margaret & John Latham (interment of ashes)

**ST JOHN**

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**SERVICE SHEET**

**13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Trinity 2**

**Canticle - Great and Wonderful**

**All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ, and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.**

**Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations.**

**Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? for you alone are holy.**

**All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed.**

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 15.3-4*