**Morning Prayer on the 18th Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 29th September 2024 service at 9.30. Call in from 9.15.**

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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

*All* **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth,

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

As we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

God of glory and majesty, we praise you for your greatness and goodness, your sovereignty and grace.    
You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords,    
yet you are also the protector of the oppressed,    
the avenger of the wronged and the deliverer of the persecuted. You are faithful and compassionate, merciful and forgiving,    
loving and good. We praise you.    
**Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**



**The Word of God**

*First reading:* James 5: 13-20

**13**Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14**Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **16**Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**17**Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. **18**Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

**19**My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, **20**remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 124

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

1    If the Lord himself had not been on our side,

now may Israel say;

2    If the Lord had not been on our side,

when enemies rose up against us;

3    Then would they have swallowed us alive

when their anger burned against us;

4    Then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone over our soul;

over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

5    But blessed be the Lord

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6    Our soul has escaped

as a bird from the snare of the fowler;

the snare is broken and we are delivered.

7    Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who has made heaven and earth.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

*All*  **as it was in the beginning, is now   
and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,

you save us in the water of baptism

and by the suffering of your Son you set us free;

help us to put our trust in his victory

and to know the salvation won for us

by Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Gospel* Mark 9: 38-50

**38**“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

**39**“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, **40**for whoever is not against us is for us. **41**Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

**42**“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. **43**If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. **[44]**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%209%3A%2038-50&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24583a)] **45**And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.  **47**And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48**where

“‘the worms that eat them do not die,  
    and the fire is not quenched.’

**49**Everyone will be salted with fire.

**50**“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Intercessions**

Gracious God we bring to you the people, places and issues of the Middle East in all its pain and confusion. We pray for the leaders of Lebanon, Israel and all the nations and factions that they may have compassion for each other and wisdom to find a peaceful way forward. Be especially close to those who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured, those who have lost their homes and those who live in fear.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

Gracious God our prayers continue for Gaza and for all the trouble spots of the world. We commend to you the United Nations and all world leaders as they seek to promote harmony between the nations. We pray for the coming of your kingdom when women, men, boys and girls will no longer have to live in fear of bullet and bomb.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

Gracious God we remember those in our own country and throughout Europe who have been afflicted by floods and extreme weather. We commend to you those who are engaged in the clean up process; those who are seeking to return to their homes; those offering comfort and support.

We pray that all may see the rainbow of hope and be enabled to know the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

Gracious God we commend to you our government, parliament and all political parties as they seek to discern the best way forward for our nation. May they be guided by kingdom values of righteousness, justice and mercy.

May we all walk justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

Gracious God, you gave your Son to be our saviour and to show us how to live by his words and actions. You gave us an example of love and compassion. We pray for our churches that we may have the vision and imagination to serve you creatively and to offer comfort and support to those in need.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

Gracious God, so many people in your world are suffering in so many ways. There are those who live in fuel poverty; those who are dependent on food banks; those whose lives are crippled by debt. We commend them to you.

We remember all who are sick, those awaiting treatment, those anxiously waiting for the results of tests for themselves or for those whom they love. We especially pray for… may our prayers of faith bring healing and relief.

We pray for the peace which the world cannot give

**Come King of love and Prince of Peace.**

May we know what to do; may we know what to say; may we know how to pray. We ask it in Jesus’ name.

**Amen**

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty and everlasting God,

increase in us your gift of faith

that, forsaking what lies behind

and reaching out to that which is before,

we may run the way of your commandments

and win the crown of everlasting joy;

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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***Future events***

**Deanery Synod 30 September at 7.30pm at Calverleigh Village Hall** with a talk on, ‘Farming Crisis Network’

**Exe Valley Lunches 12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Thurs 10th October - Calverleigh Court

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

Prayer Breakfasts at The Rectory on the 4th Saturday of every month.

**Giving**

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