**Morning Prayer on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 13th October 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.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us come together to be still,

to be known, loved, and held by God our creator,

to be thankful for all that God gives us,

to be healed and restored,

that in our worship today

joy and gladness may refresh and renew us.

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The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord

*All* **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

*All* **and in our song will we praise our God.**

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**The Word of God**

*First reading:* Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

**23**Then Job replied:

**2**“Even today my complaint is bitter;  
    his hand[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%2023&version=NIV#fen-NIV-13422a)] is heavy in spite of[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%2023&version=NIV#fen-NIV-13422b)] my groaning.  
**3**If only I knew where to find him;  
    if only I could go to his dwelling!  
**4**I would state my case before him  
    and fill my mouth with arguments.  
**5**I would find out what he would answer me,  
    and consider what he would say to me.  
**6**Would he vigorously oppose me?  
    No, he would not press charges against me.  
**7**There the upright can establish their innocence before him,  
    and there I would be delivered forever from my judge.

**8**“But if I go to the east, he is not there;  
    if I go to the west, I do not find him.  
**9**When he is at work in the north, I do not see him;  
    when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

**16**God has made my heart faint;  
    the Almighty has terrified me.  
**17**Yet I am not silenced by the darkness,  
    by the thick darkness that covers my face.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All***Thanks be to God**

**Psalmody Psalm 91:9-16**

*All* **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

**9**If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,”  
    and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
**10**no harm will overtake you,  
    no disaster will come near your tent.  
**11**For he will command his angels concerning you  
    to guard you in all your ways;  
**12**they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.  
**13**You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
    you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

*All* **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

**14**“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;  
    I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
**15**He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
    I will be with him in trouble,  
    I will deliver him and honour him.  
**16**With long life I will satisfy him  
    and show him my salvation.”

*All* **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

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.**

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy and,

as you have bound us to yourself in love,

leave us not who call upon your name,

but grant us your salvation,

made known in the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Second reading:* Mark 10: 17-31

**The Rich and the Kingdom of God**

**17**As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**18**“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. **19**You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%2010&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24608d)]”

**20**“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

**21**Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**22**At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

**23**Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

**24**The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%2010&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24613e)] to enter the kingdom of God! **25**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

**26**The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

**27**Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

**28**Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

**29**“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel **30**will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. **31**But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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**

Loving God, we do not understand the suffering we see in this world. We look for you to bring good into the challenges and darkness of these times. We look for good in the turmoil of the Middle East. We pray for the people of Israel, the Lebanon and Gaza, and all the surrounding nations. We also continue to remember the conflict in Ukraine. We pray for protection and hope for all those who live in fear, and the many thousands who have abandoned their homes and have nowhere to go. We pray for comfort for those who are injured and damaged, and those who have lost their friends and families. We look for you to bring wisdom, calm, and peace into the minds of all those who make decisions and have the power to work for peace.

We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

Caring God, we do not understand the pain we see in our communities. We look to you to bring good and compassion into the decisions of the Government of our nation and those of local leaders. We look for good in the way those who have little, who are homeless, and who are struggling are treated by others. We seek to be people who bring your hope and blessing to those who are hungry and needy in our community, and to challenge others to do the same. We look for good in the lives of those who are in despair, depression, and desperation, that in the middle of it all you would provide a glimmer of hope.

We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

Faithful God, we do not understand the struggles that face many churches. We look to you to bring good into the leadership of all churches, and enable us all through your Holy Spirit to be people who share your goodness with others and look for signs of hope. We think of churches that are struggling with low numbers, lack of vision and a sense of decline, and ask that they will seek your direction and be open to your leading. We ask that they would once again know the good you bring into the lives of all believers. We pray that the joy and power of knowing and being loved by you would fire up all church members and give us a new energy to share the truth of Jesus with others, serving and sharing to change lives.

We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

Almighty God, we do not always understand your Word and your plans for us. We look to you to show us how to be open to learn and to understand more of your Word, and to accept that some of it may be beyond our human understanding. We ask that you would help us to find the security and strength you offer through prayer. We pray that when things are difficult and confusing, we would have the faith to place ourselves in your hands and trust you, and when things are good and going well we would remember to give you thanks.

We look for good from you, our God

**For your love is always with us**

We pray for all who are sick,

for the anxious and those in need

and all who minister to their needs,

especially …

God of love,

*All*  **Hear us.**

For the recently departed, especially …

that they may rest in peace;

and for those who grieve,

that they may know the hope of Christ,

God of love,

*All*  **Hear us.**

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

God, the giver of life,

whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:

by the Spirit’s gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ

and make us eager to do your will,

that we may share with the whole creation

the joys of eternal life;

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***

*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 God of all grace,

who called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,

establish, strengthen and settle us in the faith;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

remain with us always.

*All* **Amen**.

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Thurs 11th November - Templeton Village Hall

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

Prayer Breakfasts on the 4th Saturday of every month.

**Next Prayer Breakfast: 26 October at 9.00am at The Cottage, Washfield. Everyone welcome.**

**Bible Study Group**

**The next meeting will be held at Myrtle Cottage, Oakford EX16 9ES**

**Monday October 21st at 2.30pm**

If you would like to come, please let me know so that there are the right number of

handouts. Many thanks. Tim Gorringe t.j.gorringe@exeter.ac.uk

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