

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Sunday, 21st June 2020* Second Sunday after Trinity

Dearly beloved brethren,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;  
and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before  
the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and  
obedient heart;  
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge  
our sins before God;  
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have  
received at his hands,  
to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.]

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying [after me]:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down :

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :  
as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me :  
proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :  
It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath :  
that they should not enter into my rest.]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
*world without end. Amen.*

#### **Psalm 49**

*Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:*

*<sup>2</sup> Both low and high, rich and poor, together.*

*<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.*

*<sup>4</sup> I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.*

*<sup>5</sup> Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?*

*<sup>6</sup> They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;*

*<sup>7</sup> None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:*

*<sup>8</sup> (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)*

*<sup>9</sup> That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.*

*<sup>10</sup> For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,  
and leave their wealth to others.*

*<sup>11</sup> Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,  
and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.*

*<sup>12</sup> Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.*

*<sup>13</sup> This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.*

*<sup>14</sup> Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them;  
and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;  
and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.*

*<sup>15</sup> But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.*

*<sup>16</sup> Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;*

*<sup>17</sup> For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.*

*<sup>18</sup> Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.*

*<sup>19</sup> He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.*

*<sup>20</sup> Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.*

*At the end of each psalm these words are said*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
*world without end. Amen.*

***For the Epistle 1 John 3:13-end***

*Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*

*14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.*

*He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

*15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:*

*and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

*16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:*

*and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

*17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need,*

*and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

*18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

*19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.*

*20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

*21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

*22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments,*

*and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

*23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

*24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him.*

*And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*

***Te Deum Laudamus***

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:

the Father of an infinite majesty;

thine honourable, true and only Son;

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
*O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

### ***The Gospel Luke 14:16-24***

*<sup>16</sup> Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:  
<sup>17</sup> And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.  
<sup>18</sup> And they all with one consent began to make excuse.  
The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it:  
I pray thee have me excused.  
<sup>19</sup> And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.  
<sup>20</sup> And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.  
<sup>21</sup> So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things.  
Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant,  
Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed,  
and the halt, and the blind.  
<sup>22</sup> And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.  
<sup>23</sup> And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in,  
that my house may be filled.  
<sup>24</sup> For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*

### ***The Benedictus***

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies :  
and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :

might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him :  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

### *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Collects are said.*

#### **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy Holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord  
amen

#### **The Collect in time of Pestilence, Sickness & Mortality**

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of health and sickness:  
Have pity upon us miserable sinners, now visited with great sickness and mortality.  
Withdraw from us this grievous affliction.  
Sanctify to us, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction.  
Enlarge our charity to relieve those who need our help.  
Bless the remedies applied to assist them. Give us prudence to see, and vigour to use,  
those means which thy providence affords, for preventing and alleviating such calamities.  
And, above all, teach us to know how frail and uncertain our condition is, and so to number our days,  
that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here,  
which may in the end bring us to life everlasting;  
through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **The Collect for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,  
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **The Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;  
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;  
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,  
neither run into any kind of danger,  
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,  
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Sermon**

*What can a state dinner or royal banquet tell us about God's kingdom?  
One of the most beautiful images of heaven in the scriptures is the royal banquet and wedding celebration  
given by the King.  
We, in fact, have been invited to the most important banquet of all!*

*The last book in the bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb and his Bride, the church:  
The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! (Rev. 22:17).*

*Jesus' parable takes an unexpected twist when the invited guests make excuses.*

*Why is this the case.  
A king or great lord normally sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects,  
so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the banquet.*

*How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came!*

*They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his.*

*Jesus probes the reasons why people make excuses to God's great invitation.  
The first excuse allows the claims of one's business to take precedence over God's claim.*

*Do we allow our work to totally absorb us and to keep us from the thought of God?*

*The second excuse allows other goods or possessions to come before God.*

*Does television or other diversions crowd out time for God in prayer and worship?*

*The third excuse puts home and family ahead of God.  
God never meant for our home and relationships to be used selfishly.*



*We serve God best when we invite him into our work and homes;  
and when we share our possessions with others.*

*The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king  
and who would never have considered getting such an invitation.*

*The "poor, maimed, blind, and lame" represent the outcasts of society –  
those who can make no claim on the King.*

*There is even ample room at the feast of God for outsiders from the highways and hedges -- the gentiles.*

*This is certainly an invitation of grace -- undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness!*

*But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it  
or who approach the wedding feast unworthily.*

*Grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility.*

*Dieterich Bonhoeffer contrasts "cheap grace" and "costly grace".*

*"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves ..the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance ..  
grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. ..  
Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for,  
the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ.  
It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."*

*God invites each of us to his banquet that we may share in his joy.*

*Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?*

*Let us Pray*

*"Lord, you withhold no good thing from us and you lavish us with the treasures of heaven.*

*Help us to seek your kingdom first and to lay aside anything that might hinder us from doing your will."*

*Amen*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**