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

**Sunday 18th August 2024 service at 9.30am. Call in from 9.15am.**

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**Preparation**

In the name of the living God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

*All* **let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

*All* **and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

*All* **and a great king above all gods.**

Come, let us worship and bow down

*All* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture

*All* **and the sheep of his hand.**

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.**

God, who is wise:  
**we worship and adore you!**  
God, whose ways are so far above ours:  
**we worship and adore you!**  
God, whose Spirit flows through all things:  
**we worship and adore you!**  
**Amen.**

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

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.*

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:* 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

**10**Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. **11**He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. **12**So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

**3**Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

**4**The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5**At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

**6**Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

**7**“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. **8**Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. **9**So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

**10**The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11**So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12**I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. **13**Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honour—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. **14**And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Responsory:

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

*All* **And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

*All* **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,

not on things that are on the earth.

*All* **And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears

you will appear with him in glory.

*All* **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead**

**and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians chapter 3*

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*Second reading:* John 6: 51-58

**51**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

**52**Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

**53**Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. **55**For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. **56**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. **57**Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. **58**This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

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

**Intercessions**

In the power of the Spirit

and in union with Christ,

let us pray to the Father.

We pray for your church throughout the world.

We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ who face hardship and persecution day by day.

Surround them with your love,

guard and keep them we pray.

Everlasting God,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the troubled nations of the world,

and for men, women and children

whose lives are threatened by war and political unrest,

by poverty and injustice, by famine and natural disaster.

Everlasting God,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We continue to pray for all whose lives and livelihood

are threatened by the continuing pandemic

in every corner of your world.

We pray for those who care for the sick

with inadequate resources;

for scientists and researchers seeking effective treatments; and for those in positions of authority

that they may have wisdom

to make right judgements for the good of all.

Everlasting God,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We lift to you, O God, those known to us

who stand in need of your healing today.

We pray especially for …

Be close, we pray, to all who suffer.

Bring them hope and bring them healing.

Everlasting God,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving

all whom we love but see no longer

and those who have died recently,

especially …

We pray for their families and friends

and ask your comfort and consolation

for them and all who mourn.

Everlasting God,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

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Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation

of 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, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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