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

**Sunday 25th August 2024 service at 9.30. Call in from 9.15.**

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**Preparation**

In the name of the living God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

 O Lord, open our lips

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,

*All* **let heaven and earth rejoice.**

*Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God,

who called your church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Easter Anthems

1Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

*All* **so let us celebrate the feast,**

2not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

*All* **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

3Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

*All* **death has no more dominion over him.**

4In dying he died to sin once for all:

*All* **in living he lives to God.**

5See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

*All* **and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Romans 6.9–11*

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*Christ the Good Shepherd*

6Christ has been raised from the dead:

*All* **the first fruits of those who sleep.**

7For as by man came death:

*All* **by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

8for as in Adam all die:

*All* **even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

*1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

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.**

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

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*First reading:* 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

**22**Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven **23**and said:

“Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. **24**You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

**25**“Now Lord, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.’ **26**And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

**27**“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! **28**Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. **29**May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. **30**Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.’

**41**‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name **42**—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, **43**then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 84

*All* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

1    How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2    The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3    Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

*All* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

4    Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5    Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6    They will go from strength to strength

and appear before God in Zion.

*All* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

7    O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

listen, O God of Jacob.

8    Behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

9    For one day in your courts

is better than a thousand.

*All* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

10  I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11  For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give grace and glory;

no good thing shall the Lord withhold

from those who walk with integrity.

12  O Lord God of hosts,

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

*All* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

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.**

Lord God,

sustain us in this vale of tears

with the vision of your grace and glory,

that, strengthened by the bread of life,

we may come to your eternal dwelling place;

 in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Second reading:* John 6: 56-69

 **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.” **59**He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

**60**On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

**61**Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? **62**Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! **63**The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%206%3A56-69&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26321a)] and life. **64**Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. **65**He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

**66**From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

**67**“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

**68**Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **69**We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

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

**Intercessions**

Heavenly Father, as we bow our heads, we pray that we might have the right attitude to this, your Church. Help us to be ever mindful that it is your Church. Guide us in being good stewards of our faith and all that you have given us.

**May we always make space for your presence, O Lord.**

Father, we pray for our community, and this Church as the symbol of your presence within it. May we be bearers of your presence as we go about our daily lives.

**May we always make space for your presence, O Lord.**

We pray for the wider Church, Father, in our nation and in the world. May it represent the calm centre of your presence, extending your peace and welcome to all. May it be the source of your active presence as, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, Christians set out to work for you in Jesus’ name. We pray for all in the mission field, and for those who serve in charities that deliver food and medical aid to poor and war-torn countries. We pray for those involved in projects to bring water where it is needed, and to educate the young so that they may have a better chance at life.

**May we always make space for your presence, O Lord.**

Father, we bring before you all those known to us who are afflicted by illness - mental or physical. Please let them remember you, and that you are with them. We pray that they will make space for you, and not shut you out in their pain and bewilderment. Likewise, for those who are grieving, we pray that their grief will not become a darkness which allows for no light, but that they will let you in, bringing healing and love.

**May we always make space for your presence, O Lord.**

**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*

May the Father, from whom every family

in earth and heaven receives its name,

strengthen us with his Spirit in our inner being,

so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith;

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.**

Lord, go with us into our everyday lives,

to honour you in all that we do and say.

May our being and doing

reflect your love and your grace.

And when we next meet,

may we recognise with thanks

the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

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Exe Valley Lunches 12.30pm - 2.30pm Thurs 12th September - Oakford Village Hall

Thurs 10th October - Calverleigh Court

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

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month. **Next Prayer Breakfast: 28 September at 9.00am. Everyone welcome.**

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