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

**Sunday 20th 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 38: 1-7, 34-41

**38**Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

**2**“Who is this that obscures my plans  
    with words without knowledge?  
**3**Brace yourself like a man;  
    I will question you,  
    and you shall answer me.

**4**“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?  
    Tell me, if you understand.  
**5**Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!  
    Who stretched a measuring line across it?  
**6**On what were its footings set,  
    or who laid its cornerstone—  
**7**while the morning stars sang together  
    and all the angels[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%2038&version=NIV#fen-NIV-13801a)] shouted for joy?

**34**“Can you raise your voice to the clouds  
    and cover yourself with a flood of water?  
**35**Do you send the lightning bolts on their way?  
    Do they report to you, ‘Here we are’?  
**36**Who gives the ibis wisdom[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%2038&version=NIV#fen-NIV-13830f)]  
    or gives the rooster understanding?[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%2038&version=NIV#fen-NIV-13830g)]  
**37**Who has the wisdom to count the clouds?  
    Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens  
**38**when the dust becomes hard  
    and the clods of earth stick together?

**39**“Do you hunt the prey for the lioness  
    and satisfy the hunger of the lions  
**40**when they crouch in their dens  
    or lie in wait in a thicket?  
**41**Who provides food for the raven  
    when its young cry out to God  
    and wander about for lack of food?

This is the word of the Lord.

*All***Thanks be to God**

**Psalmody Psalm 104: 1-10**

1Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;  
    you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

2The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
    he stretches out the heavens like a tent  
3    and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.  
He makes the clouds his chariot  
    and rides on the wings of the wind.  
4He makes winds his messengers,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20104&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15576a)]  
    flames of fire his servants.

5He set the earth on its foundations;  
    it can never be moved.  
6You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
    the waters stood above the mountains.  
7But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
    at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;  
8they flowed over the mountains,  
    they went down into the valleys,  
    to the place you assigned for them.  
9You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
    never again will they cover the earth.

10He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
    it flows between the mountains.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Praise 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.**

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: 35-45

**The Request of James and John**

**35**Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

**36**“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

**37**They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

**38**“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

**39**“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, **40**but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

**41**When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. **42**Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **43**Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **44**and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. **45**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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**

We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:  
**How many are your works, Lord.**

Lord, you have made us and all people across the world. So now we pray for the people of the Middle East, faced with the terror of war, attack, injury or death. We pray for all those who are fleeing their homes to find safety, and those working for peace, striving to bring comfort, and praying for hope. We pray also for all those intent on causing harm across the region.

We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:  
**How many are your works, Lord.**

Lord, you have made the trees and plants grow, the animals roar and squeak, and the birds fly and sing. So now we pray for the wonderful creation we have around us. We pray for all those whose work is to protect and care for your creation, and those who campaign to protect what we have and challenge progress that causes damage. We pray that we would value and appreciate all the variety and greatness of your creative work.

We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:  
**How many are your works, Lord.**

Lord, you give us light each day as the seasons change. You give us people to support us and a plan for our lives. So now we pray for all those who, as Job did, feel lost and alone at this time. We pray for those who fear the darkness of autumn and winter, those who do not feel the warmth of your love and those who have lost all hope. We pray that those who are lost and in despair may look for you and find you, and you would show us how we can share your hope.

 We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:  
**How many are your works, Lord.**

Lord, you give people skills and talents, responsibilities and purpose. So now we pray for our leaders as they work to grow our nations, seek fairness and justice, and work with businesses to bring hope. We pray for you to pour out your wisdom on all those who make decisions that change nations and lives. We pray that all leaders would work for the best for everyone and look to you for help and guidance.

 We know you are God, and you have created and love your creation:  
**How many are your works, Lord.**

 So, forgive us for the times when we forget who you are and all that you have created for us. Forgive us when we fail to see your plan in our lives and in the lives of others. We know you are God.

**Amen**

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 Twenty First Sunday after Trinity*

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.

*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 14th November - Templeton Village Hall

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

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**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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