

# Seventh Sunday after Trinity

## INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*KYRIE ELEÏSON follows.*

Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. *℟.* **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. *℟.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A, Proper 12

FIRST READING

*1 Kgs 3.5–12*

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

℟. Lord, how I love your law. (*All repeat*)

How wonderful are your statutes;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
When your word goes forth it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple. ℟.

I open my mouth and I sigh;  
I yearn for your commandments.  
Turn to me and show your mercy,  
as you ever do to those who love your name. ℟.

Let my steps be guided by your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments. ℟.

Let your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your decrees.  
My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law. ℟.

## SECOND READING

Rom 8.26–39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at

the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15.15

**Alleluia.**

I do not call you servants but friends:  
for all that I have heard from my Father I have  
made known to you. **Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

Mt 13.31–33,44–52

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one

pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *follows.*

*The NICENE CREED is recited.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*all rise*) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

℣. Lord, hear us. ℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
*or:* ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℟. **Hear our prayer.**

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;  
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The priest introduces the PEACE.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The priest prepares the altar, and then says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept, Lord, our offering of the gifts which you yourself have given us. May we obtain from this sacrament the grace to live holy lives here on earth, and gain the everlasting joy of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*This ACCLAMATION follows the Consecration:*  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*  
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.*  
**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 the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*  
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are  
called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but  
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**  
*Holy Communion is received.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*  
Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and  
the source of life, ever giving himself that the  
world may live: may we so receive within our-  
selves the power of his death and passion that,  
in his saving cup, we may share his glory and  
be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and  
reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,  
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The service may end with the ANGELUS.*  
℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:  
℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**  
Hail Mary ...

℣. And the Word was made flesh:  
℟. **And dwelt among us.**  
Hail Mary ...

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:  
℟. **That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O  
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to  
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought  
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the  
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**