

## MORNING PRAYER FOR USE ON SUNDAY – 19 JULY 2020

### *THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*

#### *The Gathering of God's People*

##### **THE GREETING**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: **CH378** “*Almighty God, your word is cast*”

*Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c2mjT5schA&t>

Almighty God, your word is cast  
like seed upon the ground;  
O may it grow in humble hearts,  
and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the universal foe  
this holy seed remove;  
but give it root in every heart  
to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy;  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.

Great God, come down and on your word  
your mighty power bestow,  
that all who hear the joyful sound,  
your saving grace may know.

*John Cawood (1772-1852) altd.*  
based on Mark 4: 1-20

##### **INTRODUCTION**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
and to pray for the needs of the world,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **PENITENCE**

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

*cf Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

*cf Psalm 119: 89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord:  
**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

## ***Proclaiming and Receiving the Word***

### ***The First Reading: Isaiah 44: 6-8***

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/isaiah/44/>

“This is what the Lord says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
apart from me there is no God.

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me  
what has happened since I established my ancient people,  
and what is yet to come—  
yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?  
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?  
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

***After the reading silence may be kept.***

### ***The Second Reading: Romans 8: 12-25***

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/romans/8/>

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the

creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

**Hymn before the Gospel: Thanks & Praise 110** “O God, you search me and you know me”

*Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3\\_D19Vo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo)

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me;  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.  
For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

based on Psalm 139

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/matthew/13/>

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

## THE SERMON

*Revd Rob Clements has prepared a sermon podcast which you may listen to at:*

<https://www.dublinandglendaloughsermons.com/sermons/children-of-god-rob-clements>

## COLLECT OF THE WORD

O God,  
so rule and govern our hearts  
and minds by your Holy Spirit  
that, ever mindful of your final judgment,  
we may be stirred up to holiness of living here  
and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Response to God's Word*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith,  
We believe and trust in One God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us bring before God  
our prayers of intercession and commitment:  
Blessed are you, eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church throughout the world:  
make us all one, that the world may believe.  
Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you:  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:  
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.  
Inspire and lead those who hold authority  
in the nations of the world:  
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:  
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.  
Look with kindness on our homes and families:  
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion  
for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:  
in your presence may they find their strength.  
We remember those who have died:  
**Father, into your hands we entrust them.**

We praise you for all your saints  
who have entered your eternal glory:  
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Hear our prayer, Lord God  
**and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**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.**

*Closing Hymn: CH652 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"*

*Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqzau4v23m0>

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self denying, death, defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867) altd.*

## *Going out as God's People*

### A THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
creator, redeemer and life-giver;  
you have spoken the world into being  
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for people of every language and culture  
and for the rich variety you give to life.  
For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us,  
and going before us into heaven.  
For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,  
bringing us to faith,  
and calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.  
For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Let us say together:**

**Be with us Lord,  
as we go out into the world.  
May the lips that have sung your praise  
always speak the truth;  
may the ears which have heard your Word  
listen only to what is good  
and may our lives as well as our worship  
be always pleasing in your sight,  
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**