

**Trinity to All Saints**

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# Trinity Sunday

## Invitations to Confession

**A1** God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

**A2** Holy, holy, holy.  
When our eyes have seen the Lord of hosts,  
we echo the words of Isaiah,  
'Woe is me! I am doomed.'  
We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch  
our unclean lips,  
for our iniquity to be removed and our sins wiped out.  
So we meet Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with confession on our lips.

**A3** 'How often have I longed to gather your children,  
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord,  
'but you would not come to me.'  
Let us as wayward children return to God  
and confess our sins.

**A4** We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for  
idols of our own imagining.  
As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
and to worship him in spirit and in truth,  
let us call to mind our sins.

## Kyrie Confessions

**B1** Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**B2** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
 the whole earth is full of his glory:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost: I am a person of unclean lips:  
 Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven:  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Collects

**F1** Almighty and everlasting God,  
 you have given us your servants grace,  
 by the confession of a true faith,  
 to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
 and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
 keep us steadfast in this faith,  
 that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
 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.**

**F2** Holy God,  
 faithful and unchanging:  
 enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
 and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
 that we may truly worship you,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**G/** Alleluia, alleluia.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty. *cf Revelation 1.8*  
**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

**H/** We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
for mercy and grace.  
**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls has found:  
We pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments ...  
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.  
**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:  
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ...  
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.  
**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:  
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,  
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying ...  
Breathe on them the breath of life  
and bring them to your mercy and grace.  
**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:  
We pray for ourselves,  
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...  
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,  
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,  
as we worship you, saying,  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

## Introduction to the Peace

**J/** Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
 Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
 Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
 The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

**K/** Holy God,  
 holy and strong,  
 holy and immortal,  
 give us the bread of everlasting life,  
 and make us branches of the true vine.  
**Amen.**

## Prefaces

**L/** And now we give you thanks  
 because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship  
     of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit,  
 three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
 yet one God,  
 ever to be worshipped and adored.

**L2** And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,  
 holy and undivided Trinity:  
 because you have given us the light of the knowledge of God  
 in the face of Jesus Christ,  
 that we may grow into your likeness,  
 and be changed from glory to glory.

## Extended Preface

**M/**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we sing for ever of your glory:

## Post Communion

**N/**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessings and Ending

**P1** God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing ...

**P2** The Lord bless you and keep you:  
**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace:

*Numbers 6.24-26*

**Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
the holy and undivided Trinity,  
guard you, save you,  
and bring you to that heavenly city,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**P3** God the Father,  
who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son,  
bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,  
bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,  
bless you.

**Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God,  
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**P4** Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,  
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,  
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
by all angels, all people, all creatures,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Acclamations

**R/**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
**to receive glory and honour and power.**

For you have created all things,  
**and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
**and by your blood you ransomed us for God.**

From every tribe and language and nation,  
**you have made us to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God.**

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
**be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 4.11;5.9b,10,11*

**R2**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:  
**the whole earth is full of his glory.**

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;  
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.  
**The whole earth is full of his glory.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:  
**the whole earth is full of his glory.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

- S1**            And one seraph called to another and said:  
                   ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
                   the whole earth is full of his glory.’  
*Isaiah 6.3*
- S2**            Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
                   baptizing them in the name of the Father  
                   and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Matthew 28.19*
- S3**            If you know me, you will know my Father also.  
                   From now on you do know him and have seen him.  
                   Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.  
*John 14.7,9*
- S4**            It is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’,  
                   who has shone in our hearts  
                   to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
                   in the face of Jesus Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 4.6*
- S5**            There are three that testify in heaven,  
                   the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit,  
                   and these three are one.  
*1 John 5.7*
- S6**            The twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne  
                   and worship the one who lives for ever and ever;  
                   they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,  
                   ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
                   to receive glory and honour and power,  
                   for you created all things,  
                   and by your will they existed and were created.’  
*Revelation 4.10,11*

# The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

## Invitations to Confession

**A1** You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead a new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from this day forward in his holy ways:  
draw near with faith,  
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**A2** As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament,  
let us call to mind our sins.

**A3** Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord  
in an unworthy manner  
eats and drinks judgement upon themselves.  
Examine yourselves, therefore, and call to mind your sins.

*cf 1 Corinthians 11.27-29*

## Kyrie Confessions

**B1** Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**B2** Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect

**F1** Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**G1** Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever. *John 6.51*  
**Alleluia.**

## Intercession

**H/**

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven,  
listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise  
to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and  
drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,  
the bread of God which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Introductions to the Peace

- J1** We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.
- J2** Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar,  
you remember your brother or sister has a  
grievance against you,  
leave your gift where it lies before the altar.  
Go, make peace;  
and only then come and offer your gift.

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

- K1** God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Prefaces

- L1** And now we give you thanks  
because, having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end;  
and on the night before he suffered,  
sitting at table with his disciples,  
he instituted these holy mysteries,  
that we, redeemed by his death  
and restored to life by his resurrection,  
might be partakers of his divine nature.
- L2** And now we give you thanks  
because when his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples,  
that we might proclaim his death,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

**L3**

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine  
to show forth your glory in all the world.

**L4**

And now we give you thanks  
because at the last supper,  
as he sat at table with his apostles,  
he gave us this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
In this sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that the family of humankind  
may come to walk in the light of one faith,  
in one communion of love.

## **Extended Preface**

**M1**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.  
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,  
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.  
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,  
he left this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.  
In this great sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that throughout the world the human family  
may be enlightened by one faith  
and drawn together in one communion of love.  
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
to be transformed by your grace  
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

## Post Communion

**N/** All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity  
and feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Blessings and Ending

**P/** Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,  
make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up at the last day;  
and the blessing ...

**P2** May the Father,  
who fed his children with manna in the wilderness,  
strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land.  
**Amen.**

May the Son,  
who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink,  
keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day.  
**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
help you discern the Lord's body  
and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

**P3** Wisdom has set her table;  
she calls from the highest place in the city,  
'Come, eat my bread and drink the wine I have mixed.  
Leave your foolishness; walk in the way of understanding.'  
**I will go to the altar of God,  
even to the God of my joy and gladness.**

## Acclamation

**R/** I am the bread of life,  
anyone who comes to me shall not hunger,  
anyone who believes in me shall never thirst.  
**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

The bread of God comes down from heaven,  
and gives life to the world.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life  
and I will raise them up on the last day.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is of no avail.

The words I speak, they are spirit and they are life.

**Alleluia. Lord, give us this bread always.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

**S1** As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11.26*

**S2** Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

**S3** The cup of blessing that we bless,  
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?  
The bread that we break,  
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?  
Because there is one bread,  
we who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread. *1 Corinthians 10.16,17*

**S4** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.  
He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.  
*Luke 24.31a,35*

# Dedication Festival

## Invitation to Confession

**A/** We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,  
yet we have grieved him.  
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,  
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.  
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,  
to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

## Kyrie Confession

**B/** Zeal for your house has eaten me up  
and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen upon me.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

The Lord will defend your coming out and your coming in  
from this time forward for evermore.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect

**F/** Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**G/**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Lord, we love the house of your habitation  
and the place where your glory abides.

**Alleluia.**

*cf Psalm 26.8*

## Intercession

**H/**

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.  
We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

For the Church universal,  
of which these buildings are a visible symbol,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation,  
as we remember your promise  
that when two or three are gathered in your name  
you are there in the midst of them,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom  
in the sacrament of the eucharist,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the blessing of our vows  
and the crowning of our years with your goodness,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us  
and for grace to persevere like them,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place who have died in the  
peace of Christ  
and are at rest,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a sense of our fellowship with [*N our patron and*] all your saints,  
**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones  
 you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty.  
 Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit  
 those who serve you here  
 may always be kept within your presence.  
 This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Introduction to the Peace

**J/** Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.  
 Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.  
 Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

**K/** Lord, teach us how to repay you for your goodness towards us.  
 We will lift up the cup of salvation  
 and call upon your name.  
**Amen.**

## Prefaces

**L/** And now we give you thanks  
 for your blessing on this house of prayer,  
 where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise  
 and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands,  
 even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.

**L2** And now we give you thanks that,  
 though the heaven of heavens cannot contain you,  
 and your glory is in all the world,  
 yet you chose to hallow places for your worship,  
 and in them you pour forth gifts of grace  
 upon your faithful people.

## Extended Preface

**M/**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
enthroned upon the praises of your people.  
We thank you for this house of prayer,  
in which you bless your family  
as we come to you in pilgrimage.  
Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs,  
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.  
Here you build your temple of living stones,  
and bring the Church to its full stature  
as the body of Christ throughout the world,  
to reach its perfection at last  
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,  
which is the vision of your peace.  
Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,  
with angels in joyful assembly,  
with all whose names are written in heaven,  
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

## Post Communion

**N/**

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Blessings

**P1** Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing ...

**P2** God has given you the citizenship of heaven,  
with his blessed and beloved,  
and the whole company of the redeemed.  
**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.  
**Amen.**

God bring you to the home  
that Christ prepares for all who love him.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

## An Alternative Dismissal for a Dedication Festival

**Q1**

*Acclamation*

*After the post-communion prayers a hymn may be sung  
and/or the following acclamation may be used*

How awesome is this place.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground  
with its top reaching to heaven,  
and the angels of God were going up and down it.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.  
You will see heaven wide open,  
and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,  
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

## *The Dismissal Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] 'The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

*John 4.23,24*

*At the end the reader says*

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

## *The Blessing*

God has given you the citizenship of heaven,  
with his blessed and beloved,  
and the whole company of the redeemed.  
**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.  
**Amen.**

God bring you to the home  
that Christ prepares for all who love him.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

## *The Dismissal*

Like living stones, precious in his sight,  
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Acclamation

- R/** How awesome is this place.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**
- I saw a ladder which rested on the ground  
 with its top reaching to heaven,  
 and the angels of God were going up and down it.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**
- You will see greater things than this.  
 You will see heaven wide open,  
 and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**
- You are the temple of the living God,  
 and the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
 The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.  
**This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gateway of heaven.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

- S/** How awesome is this place!  
 This is none other than the house of God,  
 and this is the gate of heaven. *Genesis 28.17*
- S2** We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,  
 in the midst of your temple. *Psalms 48.9*
- S3** Unless the Lord builds the house,  
 those who build it labour in vain. *Psalms 127.1*
- S4** God is spirit,  
 and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.  
*John 4.24*
- S5** Like living stones,  
 let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
 to be a holy priesthood,  
 to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
 through Jesus Christ. *1 Peter 2.5*

# Bible Sunday

## Note

In the Common Worship calendar, the Last Sunday after Trinity may be observed as Bible Sunday. The traditional collect 'Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures...' is appointed for that Sunday. When the Last Sunday after Trinity is also the last Sunday in October, this coincides with Reformation Sunday, commonly observed in the Lutheran tradition. However, the following material may be used on any suitable occasion when the focus is on the word of God as revealed in holy Scripture.

## Invitation to Confession

**A/** The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## Kyrie Confessions

**B/** Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,  
even your salvation, according to your promise:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;  
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

B2

Your word convicts us:  
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word commands us:  
repent, and believe the good news.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us:  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Gospel Acclamations

G1

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.  
**Alleluia.**

*John 6.63*

G2

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The seed is the word of God, says the Lord.  
**Alleluia.**

*Luke 8.11*

## Intercessions

**H/**

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,  
we pray for all Christian people;  
for *N* our bishop,  
and for all who teach and guard the faith ...  
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,  
and knit us together in the bond of your love.

Hear us.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of nations,  
and for those in authority under them ...  
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.

Hear us.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for this ... [*city/town/village/community*];  
for those who live, work and visit here,  
and for all who seek the common good.  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

Hear us.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who do not believe,  
and for those of hesitant belief.  
Open their ears to hear your voice,  
and open their hearts to receive you, the very Word of life.

Hear us.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness ...  
May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing.

Hear us.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ,  
and we rejoice with [*N and*] all your saints,  
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

**Lord of the Church,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

H2

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible  
and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God,  
in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures  
to equip us for every kind of good deed.

We give thanks for all who translate the Bible,  
and pray that, through their work and skill,  
your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures,  
and pray that, through the written text,  
your people may be built up in faith and love.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures,  
and pray for biblical scholars and theologians,  
that more light and truth may break forth from your word.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers,  
and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared,  
your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship,  
for all study groups and training courses,  
and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures,  
your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord,  
grant to us that loving your holy word,  
we may adorn it with obedient and Christlike lives;  
to the glory of your name.

**Amen.**

## Introductions to the Peace

**J/** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

**J2** Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace. *Romans 5.1,2*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

**K/** Lord Jesus,  
you nourish us at the table of your word  
and the table of your sacrament;  
as we feed on you, the bread of life,  
may we daily grow into your likeness.  
**Amen.**

## Preface

**L/** And now we give you thanks  
because you have given us the Holy Scriptures  
to instruct us in the wisdom that leads to salvation  
through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Extended Preface

**M/** It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is your eternal and creative Word,  
through whom all things came into being;  
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,  
dying for our sins and rising again  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He stands among us in his risen power,  
opening to us his living word,  
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

## Blessing

**P/** Go now in peace,  
 knowing that you have been born again,  
 not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
 through the living and enduring word of God;  
 and the blessing ...

## Acclamation

**R/** Come to me and listen to my words;  
 hear me, and you shall have life.  
**Come to me and listen to my words;**  
**hear me, and you shall have life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.  
**Hear me, and you shall have life.**

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
 the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.  
**Hear me, and you shall have life.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
 the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
**Hear me, and you shall have life.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;  
 sweeter also than honey dripping from the honeycomb.  
**Come to me and listen to my words;**  
**hear me, and you shall have life.**

## Short Passages of Scripture

- S1** Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. *1 Samuel 3.9*
- S2** How sweet are your words on my tongue!  
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
Through your commandments I get understanding.  
*Psalm 119.103,104*
- S3** One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*
- S4** Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away. *Mark 13.31*
- S5** Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.  
*Luke 11.28*
- S6** Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,  
so that by steadfastness and the encouragement of the scriptures  
we might have hope. *Romans 15.4*
- S7** In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son,  
whom he appointed heir of all things,  
through whom he also created the worlds. *Hebrews 1.2*