

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Reading 1:** Philemon 1 - 21

**Reading 2: Psalm 139**

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Prayer:**

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Invitation to Confession:**

Seeing we have a great high priest  
who has passed into the heavens,  
Jesus the Son of God,  
let us draw near with a true heart,  
in full assurance of faith,  
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**Confession:**

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past

and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.

### **Absolution:**

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.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

**Song:** (*click link*) Praise to the Lord <https://youtu.be/APVxKnENCjo>

### **Reading 1: Philemon 13 : 1 - 21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— <sup>2</sup>also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: <sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ <sup>4</sup>I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more

than I ask.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **Reading 2: Psalm 139: 1 -16**

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," <sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/X53bp6Olck>

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

## **The Creed**

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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

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.

### **Prayers of Intercession.**

Lord, there is nothing hidden from you.  
All our thoughts and plans and secret fears  
are open to you, even when we try to hide them.  
Deal with the doubts and misgivings  
and fears of your Church,  
with the love and mercy which are part of your nature.

*Silence*

Gracious God:  
**in you we can trust.**

Lord, you fell for the oppressed and the forgotten;  
you understand the damage which can lead to violence,  
the insecurity which can lead to defensiveness,  
and the neglect which can lead to lack of control  
Heal the nations; restore what has been lost;  
and turn our hearts to discern your will.

*Silence*

Gracious God:  
**in you we can trust.**

Lord, you see the point at which discussions turn to arguments  
and preferences to selfishness.  
You know the love inside our hearts for one another  
that sings and dances and aches and worries.

Work on us now in the depth of our being  
and bless our loved ones with a sense of joy.

*Silence*

Gracious God:  
**in you we can trust.**

Lord, you suffer with those who suffer  
and weep with those who weep;  
we, too, stand alongside them now  
in whatever pain, distress or sorrow  
is engulfing them,  
longing for them to be comforted.

*Silence*

Gracious God:  
**in you we can trust.**

Lord, your death and resurrection  
proclaim the message of hope  
amongst the tears of our grieving  
for those who have died.  
Welcome them into the eternal light of your kingdom.

Gracious God:  
**in you we can trust.**

Lord, your way may be costly  
but to whom else could we go?  
For you alone have the words of eternal life,  
and we offer you ourselves.

Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your only son  
our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Collect:**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Silence is kept.***

**Lord's Prayer:**

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  
and 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 forever. Amen.

**Song:** (*click link*) Behold the Lamb <https://youtu.be/ACHPwx7EGQA>

**Blessing:**

May God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen us to walk with Him in his risen life.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*