**Morning Prayer on the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 15th September 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.**

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

A sun and mountains with rays

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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.**

**The Word of God**

*First reading:* James 3: 1-12

**3**Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2**We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

**3**When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4**Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5**Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

**7**All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8**but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

**9**With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. **10**Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. **11**Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? **12**My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalmody Psalm 116: 1-12

1    I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;

because he inclined his ear to me

on the day I called to him.

**2    The snares of death encompassed me;**

**the pains of hell took hold of me;**

**by grief and sorrow was I held.**

3    Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’

**4    Gracious is the Lord and righteous;**

**our God is full of compassion.**

5    The Lord watches over the simple;

I was brought very low and he saved me.

**6    Turn again to your rest, O my soul,**

**for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

7    For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**8    I will walk before the Lord**

**in the land of the living.**

9    I believed that I should perish

for I was sorely troubled;

and I said in my alarm,

‘Everyone is a liar.’

**10  How shall I repay the Lord**

**for all the benefits he has given to me?**

11  I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the name of the Lord.

**12  I will fulfil my vows to the Lord**

**in the presence of all his people.**

*Second reading:* Mark 8: 27-38

**27**Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

**28**They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

**29**“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

**30**Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

**31**He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32**He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

**33**But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

**34**Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35**For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36**What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? **37**Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? **38**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

**Intercessions**

Loving Lord, as we hear the news of conflicts and wars, we feel helpless. The actions of national leaders which cause so much pain and suffering are beyond our understanding. We long for peace but don’t know what we can do. Help us to see that the way we live makes a difference in our world and show us how we can live in peace with all people.

May our actions and words,   
**Bring life changing grace.**

Loving Lord, the challenge of climate change seems so great. We read of nations and businesses polluting our world and damaging the planet. We hope that the earth may be saved but the magnitude of the task seems more than we can even face, let alone accomplish. Show us that how we live and what we do plays a part in conserving our world for future generations.

May our actions and words,   
**Bring life changing grace.**

Loving Lord as more and more people join the queues at food banks; as patients wait on trolleys for hospital beds to become available; as people fear the cost of fuel to keep their homes warm as winter approaches; we feel helpless and look on in dismay. We fear for the future of our country and the plight of those living in poverty. Teach us that if our lives are shaped by kingdom values our country will become a better place

May our actions and words,   
**Bring life changing grace.**

Loving Lord at times we look on and weep as we hear of those suffering from pain and disease, disability and discomfort. We pray for those who watch and wait as their loved ones suffer. Help  us to know when to be silent and when to speak. Give us the words that will help and reassure and show that however alone and unloved they feel, God is with them and his love will embrace them.

May our actions and words,   
**Bring life changing grace.**

We remember all those who grieve. We commend to you those who lost loved ones in the Grenfell Tower fire. Help us to live out the truth of Jesus’s promise that those who mourn will be comforted.

May our actions and words,   
**Bring life changing grace.**

Loving God, teach us, guide us, show us that our actions and speech have power to bring life-changing harm or grace.

We pray in the name of Jesus who changed and changes our world.

**Amen**

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

O Lord, we beseech you

mercifully to hear the prayers

of your people who call upon you;

and grant that they may both perceive and know

what things they ought to do,

and also may have grace and power

faithfully to fulfil them;

through Jesus Christ your Son 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**.

***Future events***

**Exe Valley Lunches 12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Thurs 10th October - Calverleigh Court

Contact the church office to book 01884 250417

Prayer Breakfasts at The Rectory on the 4th Saturday of every

month. **Next Prayer Breakfast: 28 September at 9.00am. Everyone welcome.**

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