**Morning Prayer on The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 24th August 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

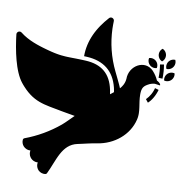
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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Majestic God, we bless you with all our being,  
we remember all your touches of grace in our lives  
and thank you for the gifts of healing and strength.  
O God, you are just and righteous,  
so we come to worship you in prayer, song and silence.  
In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

May all that is in us bless God’s holy name,  
for he is the one who forgives our sin,  
saves us, and crowns us with love and mercy. **Amen**

### A prayer of confession

Holy God, forgive us when we cheapen the word ‘Awesome!’  
and diminish its meaning;  
forgive us when we are casual about our worship,  
when we revere the wrong things;  
forgive us when we bow down to the idols of the world  
and seek to be trendy, not truthful.  
Draw us into your purifying love,  
that we may worship you as you deserve.  
In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

 Assurance of forgiveness

Awesome God, your forgiveness is beyond our deserving,  
your love is beyond our exhausting,  
your kingdom is beyond our imagining.  
But we welcome your forgiveness with humility,  
receive your love with joy and journey towards your kingdom  
with hope and assurance. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: Hebrews 12: 18-29

### The Mountain of Fear and the Mountain of Joy

**18**You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; **19**to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, **20**because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30233c)] **21**The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30234d)]

**22**But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, **23**to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, **24**to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**25**See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? **26**At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30239e)] **27**The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

**28**Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, **29**for our “God is a consuming fire.”[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30242f)]

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 103: 1-8

**1**Praise the Lord, my soul;  
    all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
**2**Praise the Lord, my soul,  
    and forget not all his benefits—  
**3**who forgives all your sins  
    and heals all your diseases,  
**4**who redeems your life from the pit  
    and crowns you with love and compassion,  
**5**who satisfies your desires with good things  
    so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**6**The Lord works righteousness  
    and justice for all the oppressed.

**7**He made known his ways to Moses,  
    his deeds to the people of Israel:  
**8**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
    slow to anger, abounding in love.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now   
and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 13: 10-17

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

**10**On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, **11**and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. **12**When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” **13**Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

**14**Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

**15**The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? **16**Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

**17**When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

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

**Hands holding up a cross

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**Intercessions**

Awesome God, we bow before you, confident that you will hear us

Awesome God, as we approach you now we are aware that we are not worthy. And yet you invite us to come. Why? Because of your great love. So, we come, acknowledging our weakness and sinfulness and yet rejoicing that you are our Father and we are your beloved children. We come with confidence knowing that you have promised to listen to our prayers.

Awesome God, we bow before you  
**Confident that you will hear us.**

Awesome God, we thank you for the beauty of your creation. We are amazed by the colours of a sunset, the aroma of flowers, the singing of the birds and all the amazing animals. We pause now to think of something amazing that you have made that we have enjoyed this week: the taste of fruit, the butterflies skittering around our gardens, tiny things or huge things… thank you, awesome God, for all the wonders you have made.

We bow before you aware of how we are harming our planet and we ask your forgiveness. And we pray for those places struggling with climate change: places where there are floods like Pakistan and Bangladesh, or famine, or UK farmers battling the drought conditions, places in the world where crops constantly fail… Heal our planet, Lord, we pray and show us how to do our part.

Awesome God, we bow before you  
**Confident that you will hear us.**

Awesome God, you are the King of the world. You are the one true God, who alone has the power, might and majesty. Thus we pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may have a right understanding of their place in the world. We pray for their wisdom as they seek to bring peace to troubled areas of the world. We lift Ukraine and Russia to you and ask for you to be present in all the negotiations between the leaders. We continue to pray for Israel and Gaza, asking that ceasefire conditions will be accepted. We remember Sudan and other places no longer headline news but still fighting. We pray for those who are struggling under the weight of war and oppression. And we pray for the leaders, that they will have glimpses of your glory and turn away from war to be people of peace.

Awesome God, we bow before you  
**Confident that you will hear us.**

Awesome God, you are high in the heavens and yet you stooped to come down to make your dwelling amongst us. And you care about every detail of our lives. Thank you that we can bring even the most seemingly insignificant troubles to you and you hear us and you respond in love. So we pause now to think of those things that are particularly on our minds right now: maybe we have problems at work, a visit to the doctor that is making us anxious, the school holidays are long and boring, or we’re afraid to go back to school….

We pray, also, for those who have asked for our prayers: the sick, the sad, those close to death…(prayer list)

Hear us now, we pray.

Or maybe we have joy in our hearts: good exam results, relief from pain, an upcoming holiday, a visit from a special friend… Thank you that you are the God of our good days as well as our difficult days.

Awesome God, we bow before you  
**Confident that you will hear us.**

Awesome God, we thank you for your great love for us. Help us to grow in our love for you in everything we do and say. Help us to return here next week having seen more of your glory and with stories to tell of the wonders you have shown us. As we bow before you, help us to know that you go before us into the week ahead preparing our way.

Awesome God, we bow before you  
**Confident that you will hear us, lead us and help us:  now and in the weeks to come.**

**Amen**

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please 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**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*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.**

Lord of awe and wonder,  
Lord of gentleness and strength,  
Lord of joy and celebration,  
we go out into the world with you.  
**Amen.**

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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**Steph Update**

“Just had a phone call with surgeons who are delighted with my progress. Results not back from pathology yet and have an appointment with oncology on Monday. I continue to feel very well and can eat a carvery roast like the best of them! Thanks for your prayers.’

**What’s on ….**

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on 11 September at Templeton Village Hall, 12.30pm. Please let the office

Know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 29 September at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Paul’s letters to the Galatians.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office.**

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