

## **An Order for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are  
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily  
magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God  
is the only Lord. You shall love  
the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all  
your mind, and with all your  
strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your  
neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other  
commandment greater than  
these. On these two  
commandments hang all the  
law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus  
Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in  
penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments  
and to live in love and peace  
with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have  
sinned in thought,  
word and deed.  
We have not loved you with  
our whole heart.  
We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly  
with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The minister says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly  
repent, have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all  
our sins, confirm and  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people  
on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to  
hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we  
desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the  
abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of  
which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and  
mediation of 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.**

## Reading

### **Romans 12.9–21**

12<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

<sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' <sup>20</sup>No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Song of Worship

#### 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**

*These responses may be used*  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **A song of Worship**

### **Conclusion**

**God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit  
transform us,  
may the gentleness of your  
Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit  
equip us to serve and  
worship you  
now and always. Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be  
with us all, evermore. Amen.**