

# **Praying Together**      **in the weeks of Trinity**

## **@St Luke's, Holmes Chapel**

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

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

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,  
Whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants,  
All who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns:  
Let us rejoice and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come  
And his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited  
To the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

*From Revelation 19*

## **Hearing and responding to the Word of God**

*Bible readings can be found on the church website, or Facebook page.  
Read them out loud then finish with this response:*

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

## **Canticles**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;  
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God,  
For God is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,  
That God sent his only Son into the world,  
So that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us,  
And sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
We ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us,  
And God's love will be perfected in us.

*1 John 4:7-12*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
Who has come to his people and set them free

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
Born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us.

To show mercy to our ancestors,  
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham  
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,  
Holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

To give his people knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
And the shadow of death,  
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1:68-79*

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
Call upon him while he is near;  
Let the wicked abandon their ways,  
And the unrighteous their thoughts;

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy;  
To our God, who will richly pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

'For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are my ways higher than your ways  
And my thoughts than your thoughts.

'As the rain and the snow come down from above,  
And return not again but water the earth,

'Bringing forth life and giving growth,  
Seed for sowing and bread to eat.

'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;  
It will not return to me fruitless,

But it will accomplish that which I purpose,  
And succeed in the task I gave it.'

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

## **Intercessions**

### **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 our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Almighty and everlasting God,**

we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Let us pray to God**, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses, and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us; **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**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.**

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**