

## Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Prayers, Readings, Reflection and Song.

“Welcome to another short act of worship for the Parish Church of St Martin. For those who are able to follow it as written, I hope it offers some comfort, encouragement and a sense of being together despite the distance between us.”

Rev Jonny



*Be still, and draw yourself closer to the God who rests beside you, before you and within you.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are everlasting.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Collect for the day*

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.

*All*   **Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Gospel Reading, from Matthew 15: 21-28*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*   **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Reflection (By Roger Haden-Mitchell, rogerhaydonmitchell.wordpress.com)*

*“Personally, I see this as one of the most radically significant gospel accounts, particularly in today's transformatory climate. Jesus allows himself to be taught by the Canaanite woman, who by any literalistic, reading of the scriptures should not even have existed. But she lovingly challenges his necessarily culture bound attitude and within a few moments conversation he reinstates the racially rejected other into the centre of the new humanity. In so doing he provides us with a crucial hermeneutic for reading the seemingly genocidal passages of the Old Testament story. It is a piece of incarnation that similarly fillets our own culture bound, institutionally racist and sexist social constructs.”*

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*Pray for one another – those in our church community*

*Pray for the Parish, the Island and the World*

*Pray for the sick, the isolated, the anxious and depressed*

*Pray for the dying, and those who mourn*

*Pray for yourselves, and for your own needs*

Lord in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

*The Intercessions may end as follows*

Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### *The Peace*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you

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

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour taught us

*All* **Our Father**  
**who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from**  
**evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory**  
**For ever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Blessing.*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**