

# Morning Prayer

## 28 June

### Third Sunday after Trinity

#### Opening Responses

Christ is like a single body  
which has many parts

**All: It is still one body though every  
part is different**

Therefore, the foot cannot say

**All: I am not part of the body;**

nor can the ear say

**All: I am not part of the body.**

The eye cannot say to the hand

**All: I don't need you;**

nor can the head say to the feet

**All: I don't need you.**

If one part suffers,

**All: All share the pain;**

If one part is praised

**All: All parts share the joy.**

Together, we are Christ's body

**All: Each of us is a part of it.**

#### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

**Silence is kept.**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O  
God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

#### Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God  
my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they  
fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!,*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed Thy hand*

*hath provided—*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime  
and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their  
courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and  
to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope  
for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten  
thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness!,*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!...*

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#### Confession

Gracious God,  
if we come to your house,  
we would find the door open,  
because there are no closing hours  
for the hospitality of heaven

**All: If we came to your house,  
we would hear many accents,  
ours just one among them,  
for there is no favoured nation  
in the Commonwealth of Heaven.**

If we came to your house,  
we would see people who never  
thought they would be allowed in,  
had entrance been on merit  
rather than by your glorious invitation.

So, as we gather in Jesus' name,  
let the characteristics you cherish  
become evident in all we do and share  
together.

Gather into one  
the glorious assortment of unlikes  
which is your true church

**All: Reveal within this community  
what we must do  
what we must hear,  
and who we must welcome  
if we are to know Jesus among us.**

God give us the grace  
to surrender our presumptions as to  
what we should be or do;  
and then amend our lives  
until we become the people you  
intended. **All: Amen**

### The Word of God

**Matthew 10:40-42**

*At end of reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### Sermon

#### Creed

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*The response is:*

Lord, let us be your disciples

**All: And give us your reward**

### The Collect

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 Choir

#### Mozart: *Ave Verum*

#### A Blessing from St Francis

May God bless you with discomfort.

Discomfort at easy answers, half  
truths, and superficial  
relationships, so that you may live  
deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger. Anger  
at injustice, oppression and  
exploitation of people, so that you  
may work for justice, freedom and  
peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears. Tears  
to shed for those who suffer from  
pain, rejection, starvation and war,  
so that you may reach out your  
hand to comfort them and turn  
their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with foolishness.  
Enough foolishness to believe that  
you can make a difference in this  
world, so that you can do what  
others claim cannot be done.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God, who creates,  
redeems and sanctifies, be upon  
you and all you love and pray for  
this day, and forever more. **Amen**