

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Wishing you a safe and blessed Sunday



Lord, in the storms of life, bid us come to you,
that we, who are aware of our weakness,
may be made strong,
through the power of Christ our Lord.

Amen

When we are in danger of being
overwhelmed, increase our faith.
When troubles beset us, let us hear you say,
'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Give us courage and a new vision of your

saving power, so we may proclaim your love to all.

We pray for all who reach out to you in faith.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

We pray for areas of the world who are swamped by the effects of Covid 19,
for all who are afflicted by poverty and famine, or who are battered by
violence.

We pray for those who have no freedom, and for those sinking beneath a
load of care and anxiety.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

We give you thanks for all those who have supported us in times of trouble
or distress.

We pray for friends who are in need at this time.

We pray that we will not be a burden to any, but a strength.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

We pray for all who are down, the fearful, the weary and the despairing.

We pray for all those who are unable to help themselves.



We pray especially for health workers, carers, home helps and social workers, and we remember those who have put their own lives on hold to care for another.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

We give thanks for those beyond the storms of this world and who have come to the haven of rest. Though our faith is weak, we reach out to you, for you are almighty.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. Amen

Our Bible readings for this week:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They



said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe

with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”



Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful.
For your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

The love of Jesus sustain us,
the joy of Jesus fill us,
the power of Jesus strengthen us,
and so may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us and our loved ones,
from this day and always.
Amen

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
