

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Wishing you a safe and blessed Sunday

Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after whom Chard and Wambrook churches are named



Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we, who are redeemed through his blood may share with her in the glory of your kingdom; through Jesus

Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Bless, O Lord, your church with grace to proclaim your love and saving power, that we may lead people from the captivity of fear and darkness and into your marvellous light.

Lord, help us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Forgive, O Lord, the sins that divide us.

We pray that artificial barriers between peoples or nations may be dismantled.

We pray for all who are part of ethnic minority groups, for all who are judged because of their race, colour, language or creed.

Lord, help us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We give you thanks for those who in love brought us to you, for those who shared their faith and love with us.

We pray for our homes and our loved ones, and we pray for homes where there is no love.

Lord, help us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

We pray for all children, especially those who are refugees, or who are orphans, for those who have no-one to care for them.



May your love, reflected in the the love of
Mary for your Son,
surround and enfold them this day.
Lord, help us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Bible readings for this week:

Genesis 45: 1-15

Joseph is reunited with his brothers

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my



father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15: 21-28

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

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.

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
Grant to us the faithfulness and strength of Mary,
give us her patience and courage, never to lose hope,
but always to put our trust in you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;



he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me
blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has shown mercy on those who fear him, from generation to
generation. He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered
the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord’
