

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

In the name of the Father + and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

Amen.

[This setting written by Andrew Parnell
for St Alban's Abbey, 24th June 2006]

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us thy mercy
that, thou being our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, O heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

ROMANS 7:15-25

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

PSALM 145.8–15

The Lord is gracious and merciful:
long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man:
and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord:
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They shew the glory of thy kingdom:
and talk of thy power;

That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom:
might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall:
and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due season.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, amen.*

MATTHEW 11:16-19

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their playmates,

“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

SERMON BY PETER HADDOCK, READER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

.... Everlasting God,
comforter to the afflicted and healer to the broken,
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-
Fields in their homes, and edited together.*

1 *All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,*

*thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2 *Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
Chorus*

3 *Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
Chorus*

4 *Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Chorus*

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933)
based on Laudato sii, O me signore St Francis of Assisi's
Canticle of the Sun*

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