

**Sunday 31<sup>th</sup> May**  
Trinity Sunday

**Today's Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 forever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever.

**Next Week Services: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

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| 10:00am | Harvington         | Church @10                 |
| 10:00am | Norton & Lenchwick | Holy Communion             |
| 11:00am | Church Lench       | Holy Communion             |
| 11:00am | Abbots Morton      | Church @11                 |
| 6:30pm  | Harvington         | Holy Com Traditional Lang. |

Mid-week Eucharist: 11:00am Wednesdays at St James', Harvington

**Events**

- Open Exhibition: 10am- 4pm everyday (Except Fri am and Sun)

**The Knitted Bible** 21st May -5th June, at Evesham Methodist Church.

- Harvington churchyard **Summer Fete Next Week!**

-6<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm.

- Church Lench School **Summer Fete** -13<sup>th</sup> June, 12-2pm.

- Rous Lench **Annual Pig Roast**– 27<sup>th</sup> June. Willing helpers can contact Fran on [Herdmanfrances@gmail.com](mailto:Herdmanfrances@gmail.com).

**This Week's First Reading:** *Isaiah 40. 12-17.*

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?<sup>13</sup> Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him?<sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? <sup>15</sup> Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

<sup>16</sup> Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.<sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**This Week's Second Reading:** *Corinthians 13.11-end,*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Psalm: Psalm 8.**

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised  
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,  
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him;  
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels  
and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands  
and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea  
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

**This Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28.16-end.*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

**Next Weeks Readings:** *Hosea 5.15- 6.6, Psalm 50. 7-15, Romans 4.13-end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26.*

## **Prayer of Intercession**

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

### **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found: We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments... Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

### **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord: We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours... Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

### **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying... Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace.

### **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One: We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you... Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**