



## Second Sunday after Trinity

### ♪ Hymn ♪

Be in our midst, and gather us together,  
and let your loving-kindness be our guide;  
help us discern your image in each other,  
and walk with humble footsteps by your  
side.

Send us to work, O Lord, Almighty Giver,  
till all who thirst and hunger now are filled;  
let justice thunder like a mighty river,  
that every storm of strife and conflict may  
be stilled.

When all the world's great sorrows  
overtake us,  
and we are crushed by centuries of pain,  
grant us your strength, and lovingly remake  
us  
that by your grace we may be whole again.  
And when the sins of passing generations  
make all the wounds of history still feel  
raw,  
send out your healing power among the  
nations,  
and fill this broken earth with heaven's  
peace once more.

Grant us that peace beyond the mind's  
discerning;  
help us to live the truth that sets us free.  
And may the Spirit's fire within us burning  
help us become who we are called to be.

In eager longing for your new creation,  
a world reshaped by love and hope and  
grace,  
with Christ the Prince of Peace as our  
foundation,  
we'll build your kingdom now, in this and  
every place.

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Tune: Londonderry Air (11.10.11.10.11.10.11.12)

### ♪ Hymn (667) ♪

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the Scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
they came with me  
and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high;  
and they left me there on a cross to  
die.

I danced on a Friday  
and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body,  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the Life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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### ♪ Hymn ♪

Come to God's table, for all is prepared,  
the bread that we offer is broken and  
shared,  
Christ's presence among us is food for  
the soul,  
reviving, renewing, and making us whole.

Come to God's table, and drink of the  
wine,  
the blood of the Saviour, in mystery  
divine,  
the cup of salvation both priceless and  
free,  
transforming God's people to all we can  
be.

Come to God's table, we come as we  
are,  
we bring all the burdens we've carried  
so far,  
in body, in spirit, in soul, mind and heart,  
to feed on the grace only God can  
impart.

Come to God's table! then go in God's  
grace  
to hold all the earth in a heav'nly  
embrace,  
sent out in the Spirit to tend and to  
care  
in thought, word and action, our life is  
our prayer.

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Tune: 'Slane'*

### ♪ Chant (CAHON 929) ♪

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord, I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

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### ♪ Hymn (CAHON 212) ♪

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share His love as He told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;  
freely, freely give.*

*Go in My name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,  
He lives in us in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share His peace as He told me to.

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## ♪ Hymn ♪

Here and now we're bound together:  
held in one divine embrace.

Help us see, in one another,  
difference as a gift of grace.

As each passing generation  
worships you in fresh new ways,  
join our songs with all creation,  
lift our voice to sing your praise.

Lord, affirm our shared vocation:  
may we bring your plans to birth,  
build your church on sure foundations,  
fit to serve a troubled earth.

Growing, praying, sharing, learning,  
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,  
love-revealing, truth-discerning,  
living out the gospel hope.

In your work of transformation  
you are making all things new.  
Stir our hearts' imagination,  
call us now to work with you.  
Send us out to share your mission;  
show us each our part to play.  
as we live the Great Commission,  
joyful in your world today.

*Tune: Hyfrydol (Alternative tunes: Blaenwern, Abbot's Leigh)*

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## First Reading

*Genesis 18.1–15, 21.1–7*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you

may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

<sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

<sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'

<sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a

hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' <sup>7</sup>And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

## Second Reading

*Romans 5.1–8*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## Gospel

*Matthew 9.35 – 10.8–23*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

<sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

<sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

<sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

## **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.