**Sunday 15 September 2024** **Trinity 16**

**Come let us praise the Lord** **Hymn 687**

Come, let us praise the Lord,  
with joy our God acclaim,  
his greatness tell abroad  
and bless his saving Name.  
Lift high your songs  
before his throne to whom alone  
all praise belongs.

2 Our God of matchless worth,  
our King beyond compare,  
the deepest bounds of earth,  
the hills, are in his care.  
He all decrees,  
who by his hand prepared the land  
and formed the seas.

3 In worship bow the knee,  
our glorious God confess;  
the great Creator, he,  
the Lord our Righteousness.  
He reigns unseen:  
his flock he feeds and gently leads  
in pastures green.

4 Come, hear his voice today,  
receive what love imparts;  
his holy will obey  
and harden not your hearts.  
His ways are best;  
and lead at last, all troubles past,  
to perfect rest.

**The Greeting**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**  
Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Penitence**

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour   
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,   
through our own deliberate fault;**   
**by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**   
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,   
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Forgiveness**

**Preparing** **to hear God's word James 2:14–18**

*The lesson reader says:*

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

A reading from James chapter 2 beginning at verse 14

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **18** But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Children's Spot**

**Jesus loves me** **Hymn 100**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! he who died\_  
heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will help me and will stay  
close beside me all the way.

**Sunday Club Begins**

**Psalm 97** **we stand to say**

**1** The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; **let the distant shores rejoice.**

**2** Clouds and thick darkness surround him; **righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

**3** Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. **4** **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

**5** The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.  
**6** **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.**

**9** For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all gods.**

**10** Let those who love the Lord hate evil,  
**for he guards the lives of his faithful ones**  
**and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

**11** Light shines on the righteous  
**and joy on the upright in heart.**

**12** Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, **and praise his holy name.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**John 9:24–34**

A reading from the Gospel of John chapter 9 beginning at verse 24

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. ‘Give glory to God by telling the truth,’ they said. ‘We know this man is a sinner. **25** He replied, ‘Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see! **26** Then they asked him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes? **27** He answered, ‘I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ **28** Then they hurled insults at him and said, ‘You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! **29** We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.’ **30** The man answered, ‘Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. **31** We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. **32** Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. **33** If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ **34** To this they replied, ‘You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!’ And they threw him out.  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Speak O Lord** Thanks & Praise 134

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All your purposes, for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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**The Sermon** “Where will my faith take me?”

**Collection Hymn 429**

Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

You are one with us, Mary's Son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin

pouring Your love and goodness in

Jesus our love for you we sing,

living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ now and every day

Teach us how to pray, Son of God.

You have commanded us to do

this in remembrance Lord of you

Into our lives your power breaks through,

living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Born as one with us, Mary's Son.

Led out to die on Calvary,

risen from death to set us free,

living Lord Jesus help us see

You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you

live my life for you, Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,

your many gifts will make me new,

into my life your power breaks through,

living Lord.

**Declaring Faith**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Praying Together**

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**  
*and finally*  
Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Sunday Collect** **Trinity 16**

**Daily Collect**

**Heavenly Father,**  
**in whom we live and move and have our being:**  
**We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit**  
**may so guide and govern us**  
**that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,**  
**we may never forget your presence**  
**but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**O to see the dawn** **Thanks & Praise 113**  
Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary;  
tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the power of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us;  
took the blame, bore the wrath  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed,  
crowning your blood-stained brow.

3 Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
quakes as its maker bows his head,  
curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

4 Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free;  
death is crushed to death, life is mine to live;  
won through your selfless love.  
*Final Refrain***This the power of the cross;  
Son of God, slain for us;  
what a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

We go into the world  
**to walk in God's light,**  
**to rejoice in God's love**  
**and to reflect God's glory.**

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## **Confirmation Group** Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Carryduff church

## **Prayer** in Mitchell Room Tuesday 7:00-7:45 pm

## **Midweek Communion** Wednesday 10:00 am followed by refreshments

Sunday 22 Freedom Sunday

## 8:30 Holy Communion  10:00 and 12:00 Celebrate at Ten/Twelve Speaker Hannah Elliott IJM

## **Midweek Lunch**: sign up for Wednesday 25th

**Golf Society Outing to Clandeboye and AGM** Wednesday from 12:50 pm

**Macmillan Tea/Coffee afternoon** Friday 27th in Carryduff church hall 2-4 pm