

## **Bible Readings & Prayers – Sunday 30th May, 2021**

### **The Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the  
deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of  
God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a  
spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our  
spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with  
Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by  
night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no  
one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him,  
“Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from  
above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one  
enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell  
you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is  
born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I  
said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear  
the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with  
everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things  
be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these  
things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet  
you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not  
believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into  
heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses  
lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever  
believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.