

Bolingbroke Deanery Team Parishes

Faithful, Confident, Joyful

13th September 2020

(Green)

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.00am Sunday Service at Home **Watch the service**

Come together to serve in God's name

This week's service is from All Saints Kings Heath, in south Birmingham.

Reflecting on the theme of forgiveness, the service includes contributions from Professor Nicola Slee, poet and theologian.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

14th Sunday after Trinity

Seeking God's Kingdom

Services in the Spilsby Cluster

9.30am Spilsby Holy Communion (PC)

Banns 2nd: Joshua Thomas Croney (s) Hundleby & Alexandra Jane Holmes (s) Burgh le Marsh
(Hundleby 10/10/20)

4.00pm Spilsby Evensong (PC)

Services in the Marden Hill Cluster

9.30am East Keal Holy Communion (+DR)

11.15am Hagworthingham Holy Communion (PC)

Banns 3: Christopher Michael STEADMAN s & Kirsty Fiona BAXTER s both of HT
Hagworthingham (Reevesby 07/11/20)

3.00pm East Kirkby HARVEST (FJ)

Services in the Stickney Cluster

11.15am Stickford Morning Worship (FJ)

Services in the Partney Cluster

9.30am Candlesby Morning Prayer (PMcL)

3.00pm Partney Holy Communion (TMcL)

Services in the South Ormsby Cluster

9.30am Tetford Morning Prayer (TMcL)

10.00am Prayer in our own homes

See below

Bolingbroke Churches on line:

We will continue to publish a short video on YouTube and linked it to our website.

Our Web Site <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/spilsby/index.php>

I have created a YouTube Account **Bolingbroke Team Churches**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTDWzvl2jxeB6ESF-aP9Nw?view_as=subscriber

Monday Holy Cross Day

Gregory Croft Trust

Tuesday Cyprian

Local Children's Nurseries

12noon

A/C Margaret Delia Hanson's Funeral

2.00pm

New Leake: Prayer & Bible Study

Wednesday Ninian

Parents

10.30am

Spilsby Eucharist

12noon

Old Bolingbroke Beryl Moore's Funeral

3.30pm

Clergy Team Meeting

Thursday Hildegard

Preschool Children

11.30am

East Keal Margaret Day's Funeral

Friday

Grandparents

Saturday Theodore of Tarsus

Play Areas

Next Sunday – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Spilsby Cluster

9.30am Spilsby Eucharist (PC)

11.15am Hundleby Holy Communion (PC)

Banns 3rd: Joshua Thomas Croney (s) Hundleby & Alexandra Jane Holmes (s) Burgh le Marsh
(Hundleby 10/10/20)

Also 2nd Andrew David Bray (pmd) & Tara Louise Clarke (s) both of Skegness (Hundleby 31/10/20)

3.00pm Firsby HARVEST (PC)

4.00pm Spilsby Evening Prayer (FJ)

Services in the Marden Hill Cluster

9.30am East Keal Holy Communion (+DR)

Services in the Stickney Cluster

11.15am Stickney Morning Worship (FJ)

Services in the Partney Cluster

9.30am Aswardby HARVEST (PMcL)

11.15am Partney Family Service (TMcL)

Services in the South Ormsby Cluster

9.30am Tetford Holy Communion (TMcL)

Private Prayer in the Following Churches:

St James Spilsby	Daily	08.00 to 12.00
St Helen East Keal	Daily	10.00 to 16.00
St Nicholas Partney	Thursdays	11.30 to 12.30
St Mary Tetford	Thursdays	14.00 to 15.00
St Luke Stickney	Thursdays	09.45 to 11.00
St Helen Stickford	Thursdays	10.00 to 11.30
St Mary Hundleby	Daily	10.00 to 14.00

Daily 8am Morning Prayer

at Noon

God of love, turn our hearts to Your ways and give us peace. Amen

Bolingbroke Team Ministry

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Morning Worship**



We come to the God who knows us,
to the God who created our being,
to the God who knows our frailty,

to the God who loves and cherishes us beyond measure.
We come as we are and worship God.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour to our fathers, in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

Invitation to Confession

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A prayer of confession

Forgiving God, more willing to forgive than often we are to confess, help us to see our failings, to see where we fall short, to see where we deceive ourselves, where we close our eyes and ears to the ripples of our wrongdoing.
May we breathe in the reality of our actions, the need to change, the depth of our unworthiness. We come before you, seeking forgiveness.

(keep silence)

Now let us breathe in the power of your forgiveness,
and breathe out the need to live and love
in the shadow of your forgiveness of us,
that we may forgive as you have forgiven us. Amen.

Assurance of sins forgiven

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

A Reading from Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hymn

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.

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

Carol Owens

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had

mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Homily from the Diocesan Website

Choices, choices. Should I wear the red jumper or the blue one? Should I buy the nice-looking pink apple which came from New Zealand, or the less interesting green one from England? Should I follow all the COVID restrictions? From the moment Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit in the garden of Eden, human beings have been defined by the fact that they are creatures who can choose.

Every day we make choices, and sometimes, when we look back, we realise that the choices we made were not the best, or were even entirely wrong. Sometimes, we took the best decision we could at the time, without realising that it would cause harm. Sometimes, we knew that it was wrong, but we chose it anyway. It's hard to cope with knowing that what we have done has hurt someone. It is in the human condition to regret, because we are free creatures of a loving God who allows us to make free choices. But what do we do when that regret becomes a burden? Like a massive unpaid debt that hangs over us and puts a knot in our stomachs?

That was the kind of situation that Jesus was addressing when we told the parable we heard in today's gospel reading. He compares the human being weighed down with a burden of regret to a servant who owed a huge, completely unpayable debt to his master. The natural consequences of this would be the ruin of the servant – just like those with big burdens of regret, pain and hurt from the past are sometimes brought down under the weight of it. Sometimes, that is the natural consequences of choices. It may be our own choices, or the choices of others which cause us hurt, sometimes a bit of both. But we know that people hurt one another, and sometimes that hurt is unbearable.

But we do not live in a world in which God, like a cosmic watch-maker, creates us all with free will, sets us running and lets us get on with it. We live in a world in which its Creator continues to love, to embrace, to hold and to heal his creatures as they go about their lives. We are powerless to undo the wrongs we have done, to take back the harsh word, the thoughtless action, the selfish choice. But God, as a great Creator, can restore and heal us. The wrong is still there, but we do not have to bear the burden of it, because we can know that we are beloved of God. The debt can be forgiven, and we can walk free.

And Jesus' free gift compels us to be givers, too. He calls us to be people who know that we are forgiven, that we have made wrong choices and yet do not bear the burden of it. The God who has had compassion on us, also expects us to have compassion on others. Not to be so quick to spot their wrong choices, or to

criticise what they have chosen because it is not what we would have chosen. We live in an era which is quick to make judgements of others, to write them off because they think differently to us, or act in a way we do not understand. There are always people who make choices which we see as totally wrong - who perhaps take a different approach to questions of social distancing, mask wearing or going abroad on holiday than we would have - and we can so quickly get angry towards them, before we even understand or know them. God calls us to be people who know we are forgiven, and to extend that same generosity to others. As Joseph, in our Old Testament reading today, realised, what was intended for harm can be used for good by our loving, ever creating and restoring, God. This week, perhaps we can be people who look for opportunities to see the good, where we may have been tempted to judge and criticise. And also, people who receive and understand the ever-abundant love and forgiveness of God towards us as well, and can accept the free gift of being relieved of our burdens, and forgive ourselves. Amen.

Questions for reflection

1. Do you think that our culture is more or less judgemental than in the past?
2. How can we avoid judging others, when we see them doing or saying something we really disagree with?
3. How easy do you think we find it to forgive ourselves for our wrong choices?
4. Is there anything else from the passage not already discussed that speaks to you? What is it?
5. What will you do this week in your Monday-to-Saturday ministry in response to what you have heard today? #everydayfaith

Song

Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.
 To the lost Christ shows his face,
 to the unloved he gives his embrace,
 to those who cry in pain or disgrace
 Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.

Feel for the people we must avoid -
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
 To the lost.....

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

To the lost.....

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

To the lost.....

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The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit bring in your kingdom.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!.

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866 - 1960

A sending out prayer

May the love of God be yours.
 May the gentleness of Christ be yours.
 May the peace of the Spirit be yours.
 And may the Trinity bless you today and always.
 Amen.

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<p>Sunday 13th 14th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church[a] sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. Pray for all who are struggling to forgive. Pray for the Anglican Church of South America - The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina</p>
<p>Monday 14th Holy Cross Day</p>	<p>The Property Department – Annie Gash, Properties Officer - Repairs, moving into or leaving a property and letting queries Financial Reporting Advisory Panel Otukpo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Bello Central Busoga (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula Kisangani (Congo) The Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258</p>	<p>The Property Department – Diane Goulden, Properties Technician - Planned repairs and alterations (Currently on furlough) Emma Camm, Properties Administrator - Repairs, energy and general enquiries Owerri (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chukwuma Oparah Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury Kita Kanto (Japan) The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432</p>	<p>The Deanery of Yarborough – Rural Dean: Revd Canon David Rowett, Lay Chair: Vacancy Pray for the discussions at Deanery level around Resourcing Sustainable Church</p>

	Clergy Housing Committee
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The sick at home or in hospital,

Leo Seebacher-Hobson, Nigel Worth, Kathleen, Ann, Molly, Veronica, Dorothy, Maggie J. Betty Brawn, Tristan, Joan Abbey, Michael P, Joan T. Mark, Jossie Lee, June, Hilary,

	Owo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi Central Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer
Thursday 17 th Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	Church Schools in the Yarborough Deanery: Barnetby, Barrow on Humber, Barton, Kirmington, New Holland, Ulceby, Wootton, Wrawby DAC meeting Oxford (England) The Rt Revd Steven Croft Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick Central Melanesia (Melanesia) The Most Revd Leonard Dawea (Primate)
Friday 18 th	Scawby Redbourne and Hibaldstow (in Plurality with Broughton) – Revd David Eames For the PCCs as they revisit their Mission Statements and then put them into action. Oyo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe Central New York (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan- Probe
Saturday 19 th Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690	The Triangle Group: Waddingham, Snitterby and Bishop Norton w Atterby – Revd Kathy Colwell Give thanks for all volunteers, and pray for growth in spiritual depth and in numbers, that we may be an authentic Christian presence in each village. Pacong (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot Central Newfoundland (Canada) The Rt Revd John Watton Kitale (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis
Sunday 20 th 15 th Sunday after Trinity	So the last will be first, and the first will be last. Pray for those who live life ‘under the radar’ Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan - The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Michael, Harriet, Rose L., Kate B. Abby, Sheila Janes, Fleur, Mary, Jeff Mason, Rosie, Jean C. Bob, (Baby) Chloe Lear, Lawrence, , Margaret White (Spilsby), Ann Howman, John and Audrey Prince, Sylvia Bonsey.

The Departed: Wendy Done, Beryl Moore, Margaret Day, Delia Hanson.

Anniversary:

Eric Dennett, Henry Slack, Vera Patrick, Jean Scrimshaw, Ethel Towle, Harry Ely, Fred Thornett(p), Barry Murden, Doris Scott, Joan Neil, Iris Brough, Bob Johnson, Sarah Welton, Mary Bee, Win Stone, Trish Swanson, Alf Chantry, George Bogg, Yvonne Watts, Josephine Cowdell, John Braybrooks, John Thornalley, Gladys Brader, Kathleen Scrimshaw, Josephine Cowgill Margaret Milliken, Margaret Knowles, Matt Pinner, Brenda Pinner, David Quigley, Dale Jacklin, Eric Damms Allan Johnson, Dorothy Oliver, Joan Grant, Lucy Scarborough, Eric Woods, Anita Froy, Reg Woodward, Irene Hall, Jim Bailey, Marlene Seal, Malcolm Machin, Teresa Sellars, Donald Hutchin.

An act of Spiritual Communion

You may wish to find a space for prayer in front of a cross, a candle, or a special place.

You might choose to make your Spiritual Communion at a particular time of day, or after viewing a live streamed service.

Reflect on the day and on your relationships.

- *What good things have come from God today?*
- *Where have I fallen short?*
- *What might I do tomorrow?*

You may wish to say or pray

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Read the following words from Scripture. If you have access to today's readings for Holy Communion, you may wish to read and reflect on them.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

John 6.35

Pray for the needs of the world, for your local community, and for those close to you. End with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father...

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester Conclude with the following:

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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Praise Creator God

In bright light and dull darkness
In the energy of each day and the rest that comes with night
We remember the goodness of God

In the heavens high above our heads
In waters that run deep around the world
We remember the goodness of God

In solid land and flowing seas
In vivid flowers and fruit laden-trees
We remember the goodness of God

In the rising and setting of the sun
and the cycles of the seasons
In the patterns of the shining stars

We remember the goodness of God

In oceans teeming with fish
In skies filled with birds

We remember the goodness of God

In a world filled with animal life
And in ourselves as human beings

We remember the goodness of God

And God looked and saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very, very good.

In rest and reflection, in wonder and worship

We remember the goodness of God. Amen

All The world around us is full of beauty
We praise your name O God.
For the gift of life on earth
All **We praise your name O God.**
Open our eyes to see your artistry
All **Your image in all that you have made.**
Where our praise is short or silent
All **All creation sings out with joy.**
Here we join creation's song
All **We praise your name O God**

Canticle of the Creatures *St. Francis of Assisi*

All praise be yours, My Lord, through all that you have made.
And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day...
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air...
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, lowly, precious and pure.
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the
night...
All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us...and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs....
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.

Benedicite English (Common Worship):

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

bless the Lord all you his hosts;

bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord sun and moon:

bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

bless the Lord all rain and dew:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:

bless the Lord you fire and heat;

bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:

bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord frost and cold:

bless the Lord you ice and snow;

bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

○ let the earth bless the Lord:

bless the Lord you mountains and hills;

bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you springs:

bless the Lord you seas and rivers;

bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all birds of the air:

bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;

bless the Lord all people on earth:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

○ people of God bless the Lord:

bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;

bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.