

**All Age Communion Service – 14 September 2025 – Theme - PRAYER**

**Collect:**

We come into your presence  
dear Lord,  
a few moments of quietness  
and closeness  
in a busy world that demands  
our attention.  
Breathe on us now,  
that in times of prayer  
we might seek your power  
and guidance in all things.  
Amen

**First reading**

**Psalms - 105:1-5**

Give thanks to the Lord and  
pray to him.

Tell the nations what he  
has done.

Sing to him. Sing praises to  
him.

Tell about all the  
wonderful things he has  
done.

Be glad that you are his.

Let those who ask the  
Lord for help be happy.

Depend on the Lord  
and his strength.

Always go to him for help.

Remember the wonderful  
things he has done.

Remember his miracles  
and his decisions.

**Second reading:**

**Philippians 4:5-9**

Be full of joy in the Lord  
always.

I will say again, be full of joy.

Let all men see that you are  
gentle and kind.

The Lord is coming soon.

Do not worry about anything.

But pray and ask God for  
everything you need.

And when you pray,  
always give thanks.

And God's peace will keep  
your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus.

The peace that God gives is  
so great that we cannot  
understand it.

Brothers, continue to think  
about the things that are  
good and worthy of praise.  
Think about the things that  
are true and honourable and  
right and pure and beautiful  
and respected.

And do what you learned and  
received from me.

Do what I told you and what  
you saw me do.

And the God who gives peace  
will be with you.

**Gospel: Matthew 6:5-13**

"When you pray, don't be like  
the hypocrites. They love to  
stand in the synagogues and  
on the street corners and  
pray loudly. They want  
people to see them pray. I  
tell you the truth.

They already have their full  
reward.

When you pray, you should  
go into your room and close  
the door.

Then pray to your Father  
who cannot be seen.

Your Father can see what is  
done in secret, and he will  
reward you.

"And when you pray, don't be  
like those people who don't  
know God. They continue  
saying things that mean  
nothing. They think that God  
will hear them because of the  
many things they say.  
Don't be like them.

Your Father knows the things  
you need before you ask him.  
So when you pray, you  
should pray like this:

'Our Father in heaven,  
we pray that your name will  
always be kept holy.

We pray that your kingdom  
will come.

We pray that what you want  
will be done, here on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us the food we need for  
each day.

Forgive the sins we have  
done, just as we have  
forgiven those who did wrong  
to us.

And do not cause us to be  
tested;

but save us from the Evil  
One.'

The kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours forever.

Amen.

**Post-Communion**

Risen Lord, you taught your  
disciples how to pray when  
they ask for your guidance.  
Guide us, your children, to  
listen to you and make  
prayer a central part  
of our lives, that we may  
daily grow closer to you.

**Next All Age Communion Service  
12 October - Theme - COMPASSION**