

**Morning Prayer
16th August
The 10th Sunday
after Trinity**

The Blind Leading the Blind



Opening Responses

Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your ways.

With my whole heart I seek you;

**do not let me stray from your
commandments.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Give me understanding, that I may keep
your law

and observe it with my whole heart.

Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

Open my eyes,

that I may see wonderful things.

My tongue will sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are right.

Give life according to your justice

For great is your mercy, O Lord.

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies
open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O
God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Hymn; 'Lord We Are Blind'

Tune = Saffron Waldon

(usually used with 'Just as I am')

Lord we are blind; The world of sight
is as a shadow Lord to me

Yet we have eyes; Lord give us Light

O God that we may see

Lord we are blind; the world around

Confuses us, although we see

In Christ the pattern is refound;

O God He sets us free

Lord, we are blind, beyond the sky

where ev'ry creature bends the knee

Where neither wings nor souls can fly

O God show us the key

Lord we are blind; our sight our life

By our own efforts cannot be

Breathe on our clay and touch our eyes

O God we would serve thee

Confession

Confessing is like walking into a dark cave,
seeing nothing, hearing nothing –

We do not know what we will find there.

But it is only in the deepest dark that we can

see. It is only in the stillest silence that we

can hear the whisper of mercy.

Close your eyes as we enter into silence to
recognise our sins and hear God's grace.

Silence is kept.

Holy God, we open our hearts to you

this day, and offer the truth of our

lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us to:

See the world with new and gracious

eyes, Move to those places where

love is needed, Have faith that you are

with us. This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Absolution

Reading: Matthew 15:10-20

At end of reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Creed

**All: 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

Intercessions

The response to: 'Lord in thy Mercy'

Is; **'Hear our Prayer'**

*Our prayers this week are based on the
hymn Be Thou Our Vision. After each verse
there will be space to reflect and to offer up
your own related prayers.*

Be thou our vision, O Lord of our hearts;
naught be all else to us, save that thou art--
thou our best thoughts
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence our light.

Be thou our wisdom, be thou our true word;
We ever with thee and thou with us, Lord;
thou our great Father, for whom we were born;
thou to us calling, and we to thee drawn.

Be thou our breast plates,
our swords for our fight;
be thou our armour, and be thou our might,
thou our soul's shelter, and thou our high tow'r:
raise thou us heav'nward,
O Pow'r of our pow'r.

Riches we heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
thou our inheritance, through all our days:
thou and thou only, the first in our hearts,
High King of heaven, our treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to us, bright heav'n's Sun!
Christ of our own hearts, whatever befall,
still be our vision, O Ruler of all.

Intercessions conclude with:

**ALL: Merciful father, Accept these
prayers for the sake of your son, Our
Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Collect

Merciful God, you behold the
world with eyes of love.
Grant us your vision,
To see each person's potential.
and the needs of all your children.
Open our eyes to opportunities to make
a difference, and help us to
see the way to your glorious Kingdom,
In Jesus' name **All: Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Notices

Blessing

May the beauty of God
be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God
be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God
be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God
flow from your heart,
that all might see,
and in seeing, believe
And may the blessing...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All: In the name of Christ, Amen