

OFFERTORY PRAYER: <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org>

God, our Creator, you are the potter who shaped and formed each of us. Through your word and spirit, you continue to mold us over the course of our lives. Help us to listen to your voice so that our actions, in work and in leisure, will be pleasing to you. We present our tithes and offerings from the fruit of our labors. May our gifts support the ministries of this church, bringing renewal to people made in your image. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Jeremiah 18:1-11)

The Great Thanks Giving - Pg. 36 Sec.19

The Sur Sum Corda, The Sanctus, The Breaking of Bread, The Lord's Prayer and the Agnus Dei will be sung

**COMMUNION 410 O Holy Father, God most dear
477 Jesus, we thus obey**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER <http://thisischurch.com>

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING <http://laughingbird.net>

May God shape you in the ways of love and justice;

May Christ Jesus refresh your heart;

And may the Holy Spirit surround you with grace and peace.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

Putting Jesus First

Loving God, We're sorry that we often put ourselves first, well ahead of Jesus and the things he wants us to do.

Please cure us of our silliness and our selfishness.

Let Jesus so live in our hearts that his way will become more natural than our old way. Amen!

DISMISSAL <http://laughingbird.net>

Go now to live and share your faith with all.

Love Christ more than even family or friends,

and, in Christ, love all God's people.

Do not cling to possessions,

but take up your cross and follow Jesus.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: No. 223 Put thou thy trust in God

News and Announcements

The Sunday School will re-open today.

Confirmation classes begin today at 9.00 am

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 21st September.

Next Sunday: Trinity 13 Services will be at the usual times:

7.30 am & 5.30 pm : **Holy Eucharist** in English

9.15 am : **Holy Eucharist** in Sinhala

10.45 am : **Holy Eucharist** in Tamil

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PEW SHEET Trinity 12 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome: A warm welcome to our Church and to our morning Eucharist.

The theme for today is "*Christian Commitment / Christian Homes*"

Opening Hymn: **No. 194 King of glory, King of peace**

Presider: The light and joy of Christ Jesus be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24

Let your chief delight be in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God.

This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We are never alone; in God we live and move and have our being.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

Holy Friend, close in on us; cut off distractions and dissipate our worries. Gather anything that is true and holy within us into one theme of loving praise. Give to us a few precious moments when we can feel and anticipate that wholeness of Spirit who is our true nature and destiny. From the awesome perfection of a brief time with you, enable us look to the future with a serene confidence. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

God, who is our Awesome Friend, is more than ready to listen as we confess our sin.

God of all life, ever creating and recreating, come with the saving grace of Christ Jesus into the unruly kingdom of our lives. Deal radically with our tarnished souls which were meant for brighter things.

Reach into the bank of our memories, down into the spring of our feelings, deep into the tender places where faith and hope struggle towards more light, liberty and joy.

Forgive all that you find fallen, reclaim that which is rebellious, expel that which is alien, and strengthen that which is sane, loving and beautiful.

By your Spirit living within us, enable us to become in reality as well as hope and intention the true sisters and brothers of the Son of God. This we pray in his name. **Amen!**

Kyries will be sung

GOD IS MERCIFUL

Here is a saying that you can trust without any hesitation:

"The Son did not come to condemn the world

but that the world through him might be saved."

My sisters and brothers, embrace that word and you will be free indeed.

Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA will be sung- page 17

Collect: Said by all:

God of loving-kindness, in whom the families of the earth are blessed and whose Only-Begotten Jesus Christ shared the life of an earthly home with Mary and Joseph: open our Christian homes to the presence of Christ in joy and in sorrow, and may your Holy Spirit bind their occupants together in mutual care, love, understanding and peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me. 6 He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. 7 If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, 8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9 And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10 and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

11 "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

Silence

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

Search me O God, and know my heart today;

Try me O Saviour, know my thoughts I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me.

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Epistle

Philemon 1-21

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— 2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Silence

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: **No. 362 Forgive our sins as we forgive**

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Halle Halle lu halle luyah ///

¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. John 15:15

Halle Halle lu halle luyah ///

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

All: Glory be to Christ our Saviour

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Silence

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

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INTERCESSIONS

PEACE:

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you

All : and also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6.19-20

Offertory Hymn: **407 O God in heaven, whose loving plan**