

## Stewardship Reflection for the Week

A newly-appointed magistrate was among a group being instructed by the Clerk of the Court in his responsibilities, and in the way he expected his court to be run. After the first ten minutes, he turned to an older, more experienced magistrate, and whispered, 'What exactly is he for?' 'He's not for', came the reply; 'he's against us!'

The Canaanite woman who features in today's Gospel may well have felt something similar. Here, only a few feet away, is the one on whom her hopes for her daughter's health have been fixed, and he seems to be completely ignoring her. His words, his actions, his whole demeanour exclude her even from consideration. Jesus, it seems, is not for her; he is against her.

Is it her persistence or her quick wit that wins him over? After a rebuff that sounds even harsher in the Aramaic than most English translations allow, are we too daring if we say that the answer is 'neither'? Jesus is demonstrating, in an acted parable, the same point that Paul makes in today's Epistle; we do not need to win God over by our urgency or the eloquence of our appeals. He is already on our side. The judge has decided in our favour before the case is presented.

We find this repugnant on two levels. We are suspicious of the 'free gift'; we instinctively look for the catch. And secondly, if there is a free gift, we want it to be a little more exclusive! We don't want it open to just anybody.

On these two points hang almost all the objections raised to the Gospel!

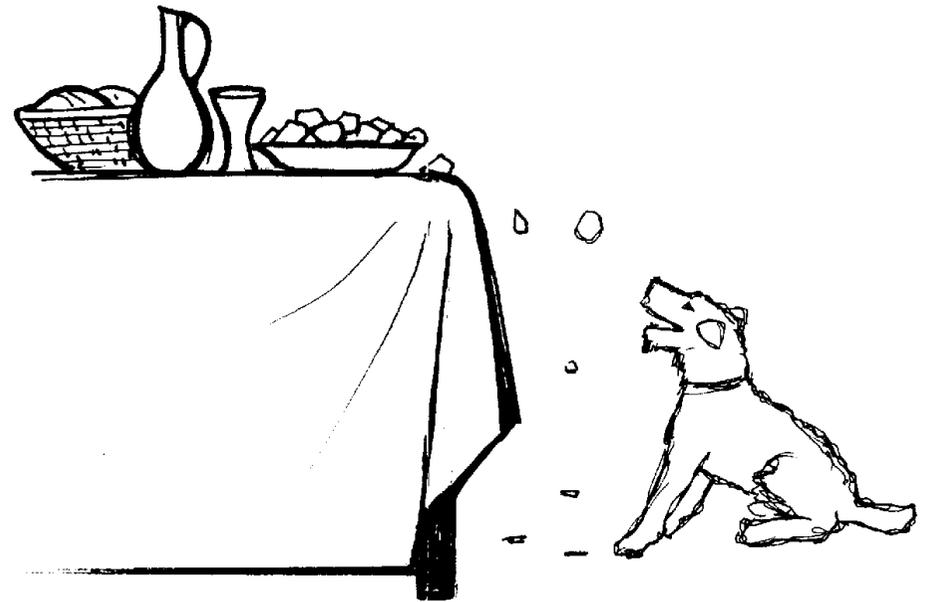
As long as we worry about the cost of grace, we cannot begin to exercise our stewardship. Alan Plater defined a zealot as 'a man who redoubles his effort when he has forgotten the point'. Stewardship is a response to the vision of God's love. Perhaps our churches need less zeal, and more stewardship?

17 August 2014, the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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SERVICES TODAY

10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Reuben Jenkins



### Services and events for this Week

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer will be said at 09.00

17 Mon	10.00	'Monday Munchkins' in the Parish Hall
	19.30	Bell-ringing Practice
20 Thurs	19.30	Choir Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY 24 August (Feast of St Bartholomew)**

**10.15 Sung Parish Eucharist (Rev Chris Barter)**

**Please take this booklet with you when you leave**

## **Welcome to All Saints today**

*If you are new or just visiting, please do join with us in the Church Hall, across Ramsey Road, after the service for coffee and fellowship.*

*Throughout this booklet, where indications for posture are given, please treat them as being for guidance only. Should it suit you better to adopt an alternative posture, please feel free to do so.*

*Large print copies are available*

*please ask a steward if you would find this helpful*

*Gluten Free wafers are also available for those who need them. Please speak to a steward if you need one.*

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THE SICK:** Joan Harris, Joyce Wickes, David Yeandle, Jean Read, Mick Bacon, William Carlson, Cheryl Cook, Mary Leggett, Ethel Cooper, Michael Dunlop, Sophie Phillips, Cyril Whitfield, Chris Stephens, Janice Fernandez, Richard Rogers, Bryan Cooksey, Audrey, Philip, Jane, Goretti, Muriel and Fr Jeff Vaughan;  
All who care for those in need.

**THE DEPARTED:** Edith Richardson, George Pollard

**YEARS MIND:** Robert(Bob) Heather(22nd)

## **The Dismissal**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Fantasia in Four Parts*

Orlando Gibbons (1583—1625)

## **WEEKLY NOTICES**

### **Cream Teas**

Once again Cream Teas will be served this afternoon from 15.00 to 17.00.

### **Midweek Services**

Please be advised there are no mid-week services during the next two weeks.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you would like to know more of what is happening in your parish, please visit the calendar on the parish website [www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk) or contact one of the following:

**General Enquiries and items for inclusion in the weekly sheet** should be directed to the Parish Office [office@stivesparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stivesparishchurch.org.uk)

### **Requests for Baptisms and Marriages, including Banns**

Application form for these can be found online at <http://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/services-events/baptisms-weddings/> or alternatively contact the Parish Office as above.

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Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless? shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us, thy victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821 – 1891)

Tune *Thornbury*: Basil Harwood (1859 – 1949)

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### The Giving of a lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## ¶ The Gathering

¶ Please stand when the bell is rung to sing **The Processional Hymn**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
Hear us as we sing:

***Yours the glory and the crown,  
The high renown, the eternal name.***

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Pow'r and majesty concealing  
By your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
Victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
Sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
High in heav'n above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
Stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
Through the ages long,  
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
This shall be our song:

words: Michael Saward (b.1932) Tune *Guiting Power*: John Barnard (b.1948)

¶ Remain standing for **The Invocation and Greeting**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

¶ Please stand for **The Gloria**

Setting: *Mass of S Thomas*: David Thorne



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
(Last time) A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Collect**

Let us pray

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm. O still small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807—1892)

Tune *Repton*: Sir Hubert Parry (1848—1918)

¶ Please stand for **The Prayer after Communion**

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
'Let us pray'

God of all mercy,  
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

### Notices

### Final Hymn

Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

*Anyone who has been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and wishes to receive the love of the Lord Jesus in their life, is welcome to come forward to receive communion at this service.*

*Please come forward when directed by a steward. Please note it does not matter which side you receive from: please alternate with the person in front of you. Having received please return to your seats by means of the side aisles, and cross aisle if necessary*

*Alternatively you may wish to come for a blessing: if this is your preference please keep your hands down and your head bowed to indicate this.*

### ¶ Please join in singing **The Communion Hymn**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise. In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee. Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love! Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the stain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace. The beauty of thy peace.

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

¶ Please sit for the **First Reading** (Isaiah 56: 1, 6—8 )

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

¶ Remain seated for **The Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 67)  
*and join in singing the Response*

Response and Chant: Martin Everett



O God, be gracious and bless us,  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth,  
and all nations learn your saving help. (*Response*)

Let the nations be glad and exult,  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (*Response*)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing,  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (*Response*)

¶ Remain seated for **The Second Reading**  
(Romans 11: 1—2a, 29—32)

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

¶ Please stand and turn towards the Gospel reader



Cantor: The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.

All: **Alleluia** (as above)

¶ Remain standing for **The Gospel Reading** (Matthew 15: 21—28)

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ Please sit for the **Sermon**

## ¶ **The Liturgy of Baptism**

¶ Please stand for **The Presentation of the Candidates**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Reuben  
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to  
pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

¶ Remain standing for **The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

¶ Please sit or kneel for **The Lamb of God**

*While the Altar Party receives the Sacrament, the choir leads the  
singing of the 'Agnus Dei' (Lamb of God). Please join in with the singing  
of this.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.  
On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns  
at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
The Apostles, The Martyrs and all your saints at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sits and the priest then says to the parents and  
Godparents:*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Reuben with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.  
Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the  
community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

*The parents and godparents reply*  
**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Reuben begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today.  
Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and  
worship of Christ's Church?

*The parents and godparents reply*  
**With the help of God, we will.**

**¶ Remain standing for The Decision**

*The priest addresses the candidates through their parents and  
godparents. All who have been baptised may renew the decision for  
themselves if they wish by joining in with the response*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?	<b>I turn to Christ.</b>
Do you repent of your sins?	<b>I repent of my sins.</b>
Do you renounce evil?	<b>I renounce evil.</b>

**¶ Remain standing for The Signing with the Cross**

Reuben, the Church welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you  
for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his Cross. We now trace the cross on  
your forehead, Receive the sign of his cross.

*The Priest makes the sign of the cross using the Holy Oil of Initiation.*  
Christ claims you for his own.  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.  
**Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Procession to the Font**

*Please join in singing the response.*

**Water of life come to refresh us,  
Lead us to life in Christ Jesus.**

*The Clergy, Servers, candidates, parents and godparents process to the  
Font. All turn to face the Font .*

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Prayer over the Water**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear  
And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us nevermore to part with Thee.

Words: William Bright (1824—1901)

Tune *Song 1*: Orlando Gibbon (1583—1625)

¶ *Remain standing throughout* **The Eucharistic Prayer (F)**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and singing:

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

¶ *Please stand for* **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ .  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may turn and greet their neighbour or those immediately around them.*

¶ *Remain standing to sing* **The Offertory Hymn**

*during which a collection is taken for the mission and upkeep of the Church. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Baptism**

*The parents and godparents come to the front.*

What names have you given your child?

**Reuben Oliver**

What do you seek of God's Church for this child  
**Baptism.**

Parents and Godparents, is it your will that Reuben should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

**It is.**

*The priest pours water on the candidate, saying*

Reuben, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

*Oil of Chrism is poured on the head of the candidate*

The God of power and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and brought you to new life through water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with his people, you may remain for ever a member of Christ, who is Priest, Prophet and King.

**Amen.**

¶ *Remain standing for* **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The congregation greets the newly baptised*

¶ *Remain Standing for* **The Prayer of Intercession**

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:  
**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

We pray today for Rueben that, together with us, he will grow up to know your love in his life and be guided by your Law. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:  
**give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:  
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:  
**help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:  
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer in sickness, grief or trouble:  
**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died:  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:  
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

¶ *Remain Standing for* **The Penitential Rite**

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride. ‘Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.’

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Baptismal Party return to their seats.*

*The people are sprinkled with water to signify the cleansing nature of Christ.*