

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 15th August & Thursday 19th August, 2021
Pentecost 12

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: George Humphreys, Alan Gray

The Intercessions are being led by Pam Dugan

The Collect for Pentecost 12 is:

O God, you make known your almighty power
in your merciful compassion:
increase your mercy towards us;
that we, being eager for your promises,
may inherit the treasures of heaven;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 9-14

9. Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
11. Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13. Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.
14. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

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Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is from Ephesians 5: 15-20

(Being read by Christine Rednall)

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is John 6: 51-58

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that single sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the Gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen