

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 31st July & Thursday 4th August, 2022
Trinity 7

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Arthur Wheeler, Mary Pumphrey, Thomas Rogers, Isabel Dee, Topsy Black

We also give special prayers for Bill, Ann S, Masami, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Ukraine, its people, and the World.

The Intercessions are being led by Lenore Simson.

Collect for Trinity 7

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit
to think on those things that are right,
and always to be ready to do them:
that we, who without you cannot be alive,
may have the strength to live according to your will;
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 Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23

(Read by Liz Philp)

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun.

This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49: 1-11

1. Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
2. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
3. I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
4. Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
5. The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, and boast of their great riches?
6. We can never ransom ourselves, or deliver to God the price of our life;
7. For the ransom of our life is so great, that we should never have enough to pay it,
8. In order to live for ever and ever, and never see the grave.
9. For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
10. Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they call the lands after their own names.
11. Even though honoured, they cannot live for ever; they are like the beasts that perish.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament reading is Colossians 3: 1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Luke 12: 13-21

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'"

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he lives and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymns are from the New English Hymnal

333 All my hope on God is founded
282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Anthem: Psalm 49, vv. 1-11