

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 14th August
Trinity 9

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Alan Grey

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

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse.

Collect for Trinity 9

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 Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

1. God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
2. 'How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked?
3. Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
4. Rescue the weak and the poor deliver them from the power of the wicked.
5. They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6. Now I say to you, "You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
7. Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
8. Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for you own.

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

The New Testament reading is Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2 (Read by Liz Mackay)

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

The Gospel Reading is Luke 12: 49-56

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

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

Amen

Hymns are from the New English Hymnal

490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

341 Blest are the pure in heart

484 The church's one foundation

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord & Call to remembrance, O Lord:
Richard Farrant (d. 1580)

Music for Choral Evensong at 6.30pm;

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis Murrill

Anthem Cantate Domino Pitoni

Psalm 92

Responses Tomkins

Lord's Prayer Stone

Hymns NEH 475 Ye holy angels bright;

NEH 468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Readings Exodus 2: 23-3: 10

Hebrews 13: 1-15