

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 18th September
Season of Creation 3

We remember in our prayers Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth whose funeral is on Monday, King Charles III and Camilla, Queen Consort, the Royal Family, and for all those who mourn the passing of the Queen.

Also for Graham Sinton who died recently, his family and friends.

Our prayers include those in the Year's Mind this week, Janet Walker, John Allison, James Davison, Trevor Wilson, Helen Forrester, Michael Clayton, Matthew Murray

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

The Intercessions are being led by Becky Wills

Collect for the Season of Creation

O God,

in whose wisdom all things have been established in order:

enlighten the people you have saved,

that they may consider

the greater wonder of your new creation,

brought forth in the fullness of time,

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Old Testament reading is Amos 8: 4-7 *(Read by Dominic Arthur)*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 113

1. Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
2. Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.
3. From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.
4. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
6. He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
7. He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.
8. He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading is the Epistle, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading is Luke 16: 1-13

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."

Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And

how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Hymns are from Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

382 Let all the world in every corner sing

474 Now thank we all our God

646 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Anthem: If we believe that Jesus died, by John Goss. It was composed in 1852 for the funeral of The Duke of Wellington.

The text is Thessalonians 4: 14, 18