

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 25th September
Season of Creation 4

We remember in our prayers the late Queen Elizabeth. Also King Charles and Camilla, Queen Consort, the Royal Family, and all those who mourn the passing of the Queen.

Our prayers include those in the Year's Mind this week, Margaret Cuthill, Doreen Stephen, Raymond Broughton, Arthur Forrester, Aileen Locker, Joan Snodgrass

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

The Intercessions are being led by Lenore Simson

Collect for the Season of Creation

God the Creator,
in Christ you call all people
to the fullness of glory
for which you created us in your image:
heal our hardened hearts,
renew our obedience to your will,
and conform our lives to your gracious design,
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 6: 1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

1. Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;
5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
7. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8. The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia!

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The New Testament reading is the Epistle, 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

(Read by Ralph Garden)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading is Luke 16: 19-31

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.”

The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

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Thanks be to God

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Hymns are from Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

573 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

625 Take my life, and let it be

631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Anthem: Praise, O Praise our God and King, by Martin How

Music & Readings for Evensong on 25th September:

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis Stanford in Bb

Anthem *Nolo Mortem Peccatoris* Morley

Psalm 120 & 121

Responses & Lord's Prayer Morley

Hymns NEH 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

 NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Readings Exodus 24: 1-18

 Matthew 9: 1-8