

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 9th October
Season of Reflection & Remembrance

We remember in our prayers Alec Mann and Charlie Brown who have both died recently, and their families and friends.

Our prayers include those in the Year's Mind this week, Susan Wilson, Jemima Atkinson, Alan Broughton, Geoff Curry, Ian Gillespie, Alison Gemmell

We give special prayers for Joanna, Masami, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Jane T., Ukraine, its people, and the World. Also for the families and friends of Alec Mann and Charlie Brown,

The Intercessions are being led by Pam Dugan

Collect for the Day

O Lord,
since without you we cannot please you:
let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts;
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 2 Kings 5: 1-3

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 111

1. Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.
3. His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever.
4. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
5. He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.
7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
8. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
9. He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

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The New Testament reading is 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

(Read by Liz Mackay)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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The Gospel Reading is Luke 17: 11-19

Glory to Christ our Saviour

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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Thanks be to God

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Hymns are from Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

29 Amazing Grace

662 There's a wideness in God's mercy

716 We have a gospel to proclaim

Anthem *Cantique de Jean Racine*, by Fauré

The translation is:

Word of God, Lord most High, our only source of hope; everlasting day in earth and in heaven, we break the silence of the peaceful night.

Divine Saviour, look down upon us. Bestow upon us the fire of your almighty grace, so that the powers of hell may flee at the sound of your voice; dispel the sleep of the weary soul which is forgetful of your laws.

Christ, show mercy to the faithful now gathered together to bless you; receive the songs of praise they offer to your immortal glory, and may they go forth laden with your gifts.