

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 23rd October
A Season of Reflection & Remembrance, Trinity 19

We remember in our prayers Alec Mann, Charlie Brown and Stig Tengesdal who have died recently.

Our prayers include those in the Year's Mind this week, Jane Leck, Caroline Robertson, Elsie Hope, Horace Primmer, Pat Dunbar, Nicholas Kemmer, Betty McLaughlan

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, Charlie Brown and Stig Tengesdal.

The Intercessions are being led by Lenore Simson

Opening Hymn NEH 372 He who would valiant be

Collect for the Day

O Lord, in your mercy:
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 First Reading is Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 84: 1-7

1. How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
3. Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.
4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
6. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

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

The New Testament reading is 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 *(Read by Ian Sutherland)*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel Reading is Luke 18: 9-14**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Offertory Hymn NEH 366 God of mercy, God of grace

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn 359 Fight the good fight

Anthem: *Wie Lieblich sind deine Wohnungen*, from Brahms Requiem.

It is from the Psalm for the day, Psalm 84, vv. 1, 2 & 4

The translation is:

How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts.
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house;
they praise thy name evermore.