

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 16th October
A Season of Reflection & Remembrance, Trinity 18

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, Frances Gentle, Betty Sissons, John Aldhous, Bob Mortis, Moira Avery, Elise Selman

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 Roddy Simson

Collect for the Day

Almighty and merciful God:
in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful;
that, being ready both in body and soul,
we may freely accomplish your will;
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 Genesis 32: 22-31 *(Read by Christine Bethune)*

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.'

Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5. The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading is 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading is Luke 18: 1-8

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant

her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?’

I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast,
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen

The Hymns are from Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

695 To God be the glory

323 In heavenly love abiding

687 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Anthem: Psalm 121, the Psalm of the Day