

LUKE 12. 49–56

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say,

“It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say,

“There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion (not used at Morning Service)

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the
eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY ESSENTIALS

14th August 2022

Trinity 9

Hymns (three when Morning Service)

652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

238(i) Come down, O Love divine

460 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

506 The church’s one foundation

Collect:

Almighty God,

who sent your Holy Spirit

to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love and joy and peace;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

ISAIAH 5. 1—7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

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For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

HEBREWS 11. 29—12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land,
but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith
the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By
faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were
disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who
through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the
edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in
war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by
resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order
to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging,
and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they
were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in
skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom
the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and
in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not
receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so
that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let
us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to
Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy
that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and
has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.