

The Collect

**O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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. Amen.**

Meditation before service

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy Presence we devoutly hail.

St Thomas Aquinas, 1227–74

Amos 5.6–7, 10–15

Old Testament reading

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90

(BCP)

- 12** So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
- 13** Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.
- 14** O satisfy us with thy mercy and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15** Comfort us again now, after the time that thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
- 16** Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.
- 17** And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

Hebrews 4.12–end

New Testament reading

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10.17–31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' ²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Postcommunion Collect

**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.**



10 October 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Rachel Watts
Reader	Philip Riley
Intercessor	Philip Riley
Organist	John Wardle

Setting	Nardone, <i>Mass of St Cedd</i>
Entrance hymn	765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
Reading (NT)	Hebrews 4.12–end
Gradual hymn	335 (omit v.5) My God, accept my heart this day
Offertory hymn	510 (omit v.3) Will you come and follow me
Final hymn	748 (omit *) O Jesus, I have promised
Communion anthem	Gibbons, <i>Almighty and everlasting God</i> Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen. <i>Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany (BCP)</i>

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sandra Kneale, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Heather Schlich, David Price, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Pauline Simper, Adrian Simper

The departed: Jilly Pearson

Year's mind: Michael Fielder, Francis Horn, John Richard Duffield Hall, John Noble, William Southwell, Arthur John Marven, Christopher Ellis, Doris Reynolds, Robert Ellingworth, Hazel Bennet

Please also continue to pray for Lily and her family, mourning the death of a baby