

Trinity XX, Year B: Collects (CW) & Readings for 17 October 2021

The Collect

O God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

I am, and I have value, because I am seen by and engaged with love – ideally, the love we experience humanly and socially, but, beyond and behind this, always and unconditionally, the love of God.

Rowan Williams, Being Human

Isaiah 53.4–end

Old Testament reading

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 91

(BCP)

- 9 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
- 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me and I will hear him : yea I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him and bring him to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.

Hebrews 5.1–10

New Testament reading

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';⁶as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10.35–45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Postcommunion Collect

**God our Father,
whose Son, the light unailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The church's singing does not only 'kindle the heart'; it is also a means by which the church grows in wisdom and understanding of God. Music . . . strengthens not only the 'heart' of the church, but its 'mind' as well.

Stephen R. Guthrie, 'The Wisdom of Song'



17 October 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Peter Holmes
Reader	Rosemary Holmes
Intercessor	Mireille Portlock
Organist	John Wardle

Setting	Nardone, <i>Mass of St Cedd</i>
Entrance hymn	628 Father of heaven, whose love profound
Reading (OT)	Isaiah 53.4–end
Gradual psalm	91.9–end
Offertory hymn	541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Final hymn	728 Meekness and majesty

Communion anthem Bullock, *Give us the wings of faith*

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.	We ask them whence their victory came: they, with one united breath, ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
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They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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, Sybil (grand-daughter of Ian and Sue Cripps) and family

The departed: Jilly Pearson

Year's mind: Betty Bent, Geoffrey Collyer, Rose Philips, Derryk Foster, Madelaine Haddelsey, Lewis Buckby