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SUNDAY READINGS and MESSAGE Trinity 20

Psalm 91 9 - end

⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ "Because he[™] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

John 17

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you^a to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of[™] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by^{III} the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.²⁶I have made you^a known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Mark 10 35 -45

The Request of James and John

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Saturday – All involved in the Women's Breakfast Sunday – Revd Geoff Withers leading today's Communion service at St Denys Church

Monday – We pray for one another. Help us to grow together in faith and love

Tuesday – Pray for all members of the PCC as they meet. Open the Book team

Wednesday – For people living in fear, anxiety, and distress because of COVID

Thursday – People who are ill, in hospitals, at home, or wherever they may be.

Friday – For God's help with providing the finances needed to keep up with the Church maintenance

Those who are ill, or recovering

Paul recovering from his hip operation at home. Joan Greenwood who is now staying at the Grange John Travis recovering at home Miriam Peck

Bereaved

Please pray for the family and friends of Matt Godwin, including all at Stanford in the Vale School, adults and children, on losing a valued member of staff.

Also, please pray for the family and friends of Dave King

PRAYER ISN'T TO REMIND GOD WHAT YOUR PROBLEMS ARE, BUT PRAYER IS TO REMIND YOUR PROBLEMS WHO GOD IS.

Doctor's Concerns

With little public circulating for the past 18 months, our immunities are very low, and there is lots of evidence that when people catch viruses or the flu, they go down very hard. Public Health England is incredibly concerned about older people, and insistent upon them getting not only the Covid booster, but the flu jab. However, it is looking like the flu jab is not going to be as effective as in previous years, due to a lack of samples during the year on which they base the new virus. Th Doctors are asking that we are to be very cautious about health and safety and, reminding people that if they have any symptoms of a cold, flu or Covid, they are not to attend church. There is concern that for most people, the flu issues this winter are going to be more serious than Covid. As we have a largely order congregation, we need to take this very seriously.

Saturday November 20th Church Christmas Bazaar 11.30 – 2.00pm In the Village Hall <u>Help and donations needed.</u> We do need YOUR help!

Gifts, bath goods, books, raffle prizes, homemade cakes and produce all needed. Plates will be available at the back of the church. COVID precautions will be observed.