

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 August 2019

HYMNS

158 God has spoken by His prophets
344 Glory be to Jesus
745 Seek ye first
133 O worship the King all-glorious above
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SENTENCE

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

COLLECT

Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own:
through your Spirit give us wisdom,
that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the book Ecclesiastes:

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the

deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 49 alternately:

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all you that dwell in the world,

You of low or high degree, both rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.

Why should I fear in evil days, when the malice of my foes surrounds me,

Such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their riches?

For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance.

To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,

So that they might live for ever, and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant they perish and leave their riches to others.

Their tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling through all generations, though they call their lands after their own names.

Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 49.1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Christians in Colossae:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your

life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Colossians 3.1-11

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Luke 12.13-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church:

For the parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: Ps Sharon, the Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

For the sick or in need: Keiran & Paul, Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, Michael M, Joan B, John Bell, Deirdre B, Yvonne, Sam McGowan, Jenny & Greg, Ellie May and Olivia Jury, Jane M, Tom W, Boris & Maie Z, Peggy W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Community of the sick: Heather Weiss, Therese Cummins, Don, Alec Baker, Fiona Tunley, Jenny Stewart, Glen Bechly, Russ Pickering, Terry Mervin.

This section is for those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.

Please inform the Parish Office if any of these people have recovered, for which we can give thanks; also any other answered prayers of significance are invited for sharing through the pew-sheet.

Year's mind

4th Sandra Bates

9th Roslyn Hansen

10th William Wallace

Birthdays & Anniversaries

*5th Diane Paine, Hossein Haghi,
Lesley Chadwick*

8th Wanda Thomas