

Bible Sunday 22nd after Trinity 28th October 2018

GATHERING HYMN – Thanks to God (615)

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
open our ears to hear you,
open our mouths to praise you,
open our hearts to love you,
more and more. Amen.**

COLLECT

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

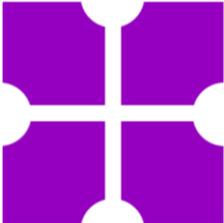
If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the garment given you as the pledge. You shall give the pledge back by sunset, so that your neighbour may sleep in the cloak and bless you; and it will be to your credit before the Lord your God.

You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy labourers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt.

Parents shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their parents; only for their own crimes may persons be put to death.

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

10am only

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Deuteronomy 24.12-22

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

Psalm 19.7-14

8am only

R Arise, O God and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

‘How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

‘You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;

‘Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked. R

‘They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

‘Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,

‘Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.’

Arise, O God and judge the earth,

for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL HYMN – Speak, O Lord (SPI87)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

GOSPEL

Luke 4.14-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

GOSPEL HYMN (Reprise) – Speak, O Lord (SP187)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.”

HYMN OF THE GIFTS – Lord for the years (403)

COMMUNION HYMNS - Spirit of God (SP180) below
Come my way (111)

*Spirit of God unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!*

1. You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth through it God's voice is heard.	2. Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live His way; we need Your power, we need Your strength, following Christ each day.
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POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN – We have a gospel to proclaim (701)

Please come and meet one another and enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee in the hall after the service

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