

**St Clement's Church,
King Square
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
15th October 2023**

Collect Prayer

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.**

First Reading (Isaiah 25:1-9)

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines
strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm (Psalm 23)



**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **/R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **/R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **/R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **/R**

Second Reading (Philippians 4:1-9)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same
mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal
companion, help these women, for they have struggled
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with
Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names
are in the book of life.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let
your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is
near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if
there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy
of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the
things that you have learned and received and heard
and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Christine & Tony, Sue, Margie Ives, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Nicky Young, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Matthew and Lucy and family, Fr Peter Rabin, Adele Skinner, Nigel Fletcher, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Mary-Rose Sinn, Vanessa, Catherine Weir, Bonnie Drewery, Leanne Killingback.

Recently departed:

Bishop Keith Riglin, Brian Hammond,
Jackie Monte Columbo

Anniversaries of Death:

Elizabeth Seery, Mary Porterhouse, Charles Rosaman, Ann Harris, Mary Hillier, Louisa Forward, Charles Edwards, Ethel Mary Burling. Theodore Wetherall

In the Parish:

We pray for local nurseries and all who care for young children, especially the Moreland Children's Centre, King Square Nursery and Kido Nursery.

In the wider world:

We pray for the people of the Holy Land, Jew, Muslim and Christian, Israel and Palestinian, and pray for peace.

Notices

This week in church...

Monday 16th

St Clement's Community Choir Concert
@ 7.30pm

A free concert with **retiring collection for St Clement's Church** given by our local Community Choir. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 18th

10.30am St Luke's Day Mass
with St Luke's School and St Luke's
Community Centre. All welcome!
Sorry, no Open Church this week.

Next Sunday 22nd

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass with Holy Baptism

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