

13th Sunday after Trinity

25th August 2024

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Psalm (Psalm 34 part 3)



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth. R

The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. R

He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed. R

Second Reading (Ephesians 6.10-20)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Reading (John 6.56-69)

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones

that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Adele Skinner, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Vanessa, Gregg and Julia Hill, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Stephen James Winfield, Pat and Terry Bartrip, Tracey Sanderson, Amelia Gregg., Fr Michael Shier.

Among the departed:

Timothy Dudley-Smith (Bp & Hymn writer), Billy Gilroy, John Moses KCVO (Pr)

Anniversaries of Death:

Walter Thompson, Cecil Norman Hosken, Guy Seymour Back (Pr), Susana A'Costa, Emily Pope, Albert Jardine, Peter Jermyn (Pr), Kathy Hughes, Norman Haines

In the Parish:

We pray for Peerless Street, Baldwin Street and the Richard Desmond Children's Eye Hospital. We also pray for young people in the parish who've received exam results in the past days.

In the wider world:

We pray for the people of Ukraine. For all those caught up in the conflict there and for all who are refugees, living away from their homes and loved ones.

Notices

In Church this week

Wednesday 28th August - see below

12.30pm Mass

1pm singing

Next Sunday

14th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Sung Mass

Help!

Now that the scaffolding is down it's time to tidy up the front of the building and make it ready for the autumn. This **Wednesday 28th from 10am** we'll be weeding, sweeping and cleaning up. Many hands make light work so if you're able to come and help, please do! Tea, coffee and sweet treats will be provided.

Nature Hub

Every Saturday from 10am-12pm at St Luke's Community Centre Central Street.

Gardening for adults and families from South Islington (Children must be accompanied) Plus, there will be a free coach trip to Kew Gardens on 29th August for anybody who attends a Nature Hub session (the trip is normally £5 to members, £10 to non-members). The ticket includes both the coach and Kew Gardens entry. Attendees will either need to bring a packed lunch or purchase food there. The coach will depart St Luke's at 10am and leave Kew at 4.30pm to return to St Luke's.

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