

St Clement's Church, King Square

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

27th August 2023

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things which we
are not worthy to ask but through the merits and
mediation of 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 51:1-6)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

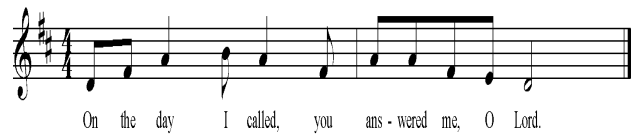
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm (Psalm 138)



Response:

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore
before your holy temple. /R

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. /R

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. /R

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-8)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,
by the mercies of God, to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of
God-- what is good and acceptable and
perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to
everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think, but to
think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned.
For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members
one of another. We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us: prophecy,
in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in
exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the
leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

The Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name 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

Recently departed:

Anna Coates, Trena, Phillip Avery, Brenda Skinner

Anniversaries of Death:

Frances Edith Brewer, Alfred Keyworth, Fr Robert Gofton-Salmond, James Cox, Walter Thompson

In the Parish:

We pray for all those visiting London this summer, and for all who work in the catering and hospitality industry locally.

In the wider world:

We pray for those working to understand Climate Change and seeking to help us move to a more sustainable future for the Earth.

Notices

**Next Sunday Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass**

During August there will be no Open Church or activities or services on Wednesdays.

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory, Haggerston.**
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