

## Sunday 2nd June 2019: SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

### Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 16. 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king, let the earth be glad there of:  
yea let the multitude of the isles be glad there of.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.  
3 There goeth a fire before him:  
and burneth up his enemies on every side.  
4 His lightnings give shine unto the world:  
the earth seeth it and is afraid.  
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord:  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
6 The heavens declare his righteousness:  
and all the peoples see his glory.  
7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods:  
bow down before him all ye gods.  
8 Zion heard of it and rejoiced, and the cities of Judah were glad:  
because of thy judgements O Lord.  
9 For thou Lord art most high over all the earth:  
thou art exalted far above all gods.  
10 The Lord loveth them that hate evil:  
he preserveth the lives of his servants, and shall deliver them from the hand of the  
ungodly.  
11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous:  
and joyful gladness for such as are true of heart.  
12 Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous:  
and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

***A reading from the Book of Revelation*** Revelation 22.12 – 14, 16, 17, 20, 21  
'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I  
am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'  
Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life  
and may enter the city by the gates.  
'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the  
root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say,  
'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.  
The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.  
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*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.*

John 17. 20-26

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me  
through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,  
may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory  
that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in  
them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know

that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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## Sunday 9th June 2019: THE DAY OF PENTECOST

### Collect

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Book of Genesis*

Genesis 11. 1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104. 24-36**

24 Man goeth forth to his work:

and to his labour until the evening.

25 O Lord how manifold are thy works:

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and mighty sea:

wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts;

27 There go the ships upon their course:

and Leviathan, which thou hast made to take thy pastime therewith.

28 These all look unto thee:

that thou mayest give them food in due season.

29 When thou givest it them they gather it:

and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good things.

30 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:

when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

31 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made strong;

and thou renewest the face of the earth.

32 May the glorious majesty of the Lord endure for ever:

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

33 The earth trembleth when he looketh upon it:

if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.

34 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May my meditation please him:

my joy shall be in the Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked come to an end:

praise thou the Lord O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

### ***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

Acts 2. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.*

John 14. 8-17

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sunday 16th June 2019: TRINITY SUNDAY

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from Proverbs*

Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 8

1 O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world:

thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou rebuked the strong, because they are thine enemies:

that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers:

the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man that thou art mindful of him:

or the son of man that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him little lower than the angels:

and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands:

and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

7 All sheep and oxen:

yea and all the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air and the fishes of the sea:  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governer:  
how excellent is thy name in all the world.

***A reading from the St Paul's letter to the Romans***

Romans 5.1- 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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John 16. 12-15

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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## Sunday 23rd June 2019: FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY

### Collect

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**

### *A reading from the Isaiah*

Isaiah 65. 1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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### **Psalm 22. 19-28**

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22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:

    in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord ye that fear him:

    magnify him all ye seed of Jacob, and fear him all ye seed of Israel;

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the poor in his affliction:

    he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation:

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27 Let all the ends of the world remember, and be turned unto the Lord:

and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

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***A reading from the St Paul's letter to the Galatians***

Galatians 3. 23– 29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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## Sunday 30th June 2019: PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

### Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Acts 12. 1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 125

1 They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Zion:  
which cannot be moved, but standeth fast for ever.

2 As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so standeth the Lord round about his people:  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the land which hath been given to  
the righteous:

lest the righteous put forth their hand to do wickedness.

4 Do good O Lord unto them that are good:  
and unto them that are upright in heart.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them away  
with the evil-doers:

but upon Israel may there be peace.

***A reading from St Paul's Second Letter to Timothy***      2 Timothy 4. 6– 8, 17, 18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

Matthew 16. 13-19

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now 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.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**