

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Pentecost 10 (Trinity 9): Sunday 24th July 2016

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

FIRST READING (Genesis 18:20–32)

Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

PSALM (Psalm 138)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my / whole / heart :
before the gods will / I sing / praise to / you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your / love and / faithfulness :
for you have glorified your name
/ and your / word above / all things.

In the day that I called to you, you / answered / me :
you / put new / strength in my / soul.

All the kings of the earth shall / praise you, O / Lord :
for they have / heard the / words of your / mouth.

They shall sing of the / ways of the / Lord :
that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches / over the / lowly :
as for the proud, he re/gards them / from a/far.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
/ you • will pre/serve me :
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; / your right / hand will / save me.

The Lord shall make good his / purpose / for me :
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
for/sake • not the / work of your / hands.

SECOND READING (Colossians 2:6–15)

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,

nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL (Luke 11:1–13)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Notices

All Week

Haverfordwest Festival Week. Lots of events happening around the town. Details of these can be found on a special leaflet.

Sunday to Tuesday

10:00am–4:00pm 'Music ... in bloom' Flower Festival at St Mary's

Today (Sunday 24th July)

6:00pm Festival Songs of Praise Service at St Mary's

Wednesday 27th July

10:00am Mass at St Martin's

Friday 28nd July

11:00am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's, followed by tea and toast.

12:30pm Rev Heather Cale: 'Poems from Wales' at St Mary's

Services next Sunday, 31st July – Pentecost 11 (Trinity 10)

8:00am Low Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest

10.15am Café Praise at St Ismael's Church, Camrose

10:30am United Parish Mass at St Mary's

5:00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Martin's Church

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