

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Pentecost 11 (Trinity 10): Sunday 31st July 2016

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23)

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (Psalm 49:1–12)

Hear this, / all you / peoples :
listen, all / you that / dwell in the / world,

You of low or / high de/gree :
both / rich and / poor to/gether.

My mouth shall / speak of / wisdom :
and my heart shall / meditate on / under/standing.

I will incline my ear / to a / parable :
I will unfold my / riddle / with the / lyre.

Why should I fear in / evil / days :
when the / malice • of my / foes sur/rounds me,

Such as trust / in their / goods :
and glory in the a/bundance / of their / riches?

For no one can indeed / ransom an/other :
or pay to / God the / price of de/liverance.

To ransom a soul / is too / costly :
there is / no price / one could / pay for it,

So that they might / live for / ever :
and / never / see the / grave.

For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and / ignorant they / perish:
and / leave their / riches to / others.

Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through / all • gene/rations :
though they call their lands / after their / own / names.

Those who have honour, but lack / under/standing :
are / like the / beasts that / perish.

SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1–11)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your

mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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GOSPEL (Luke 12:13–21)

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Today (Sunday 31st July)

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

Tuesday 2nd August

5:30pm Beating the Bounds River Festival at Riverside Quay

Wednesday 3rd August

10:00am Mass at St Martin's

Friday 5th August

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

12:30pm Organ Recital by Richard Stephens at St Mary's

Saturday 6th August

2.00pm Wedding at St Mary's

Services on Sunday 7th August (Pentecost 12: Trinity 11)

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

9:30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest

10:15am Family Eucharist at St Ishmael's, Camrose

11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Haverfordwest

6:00pm Parish Choral Evensong at St Martin's Haverfordwest

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