

## The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area

Pentecost 13 (Trinity 12): Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### COLLECT

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 (Jeremiah 23:23–29)

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM (Psalm 82)

God has taken his stand in the / council of / heaven :  
in the midst of the / gods / he gives / judgement:

'How long will you / judge un/justly :  
and show such / favour / to the / wicked?

You were to judge the weak / and the / orphan :  
defend the / right • of the / humble and / needy;

Rescue the weak / and the / poor :  
deliver them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

They have no knowledge or wisdom;  
they walk on / still in / darkness :  
all the four/dations • of the / earth are / shaken.

Therefore I say that though / you are / gods :  
and all of you / children • of the / Most / High,

Nevertheless, you shall / die like / mortals :  
and / fall like / one of their / princes.’

Arise, O God and / judge the / earth :  
for it is you that shall take all / nations / for your pos/session.

## **SECOND READING (Hebrews 11:29–12:2)**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,

and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL (Luke 12:49–56)**

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of compassion, 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.**

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### **Today (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August)**

**11:15am Holy Eucharist & Baptisms** at St Mary's

**3:00pm Hymns and Hymns of Praise followed by tea** at St Martin's

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**10:00am Mass** at St Martin's

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**12:30pm Keyboard music with Bill Jenkins**

**Services on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August (Pentecost 14: Trinity 13)**

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

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

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

**11:15am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's Haverfordwest**

**3:00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's VA school**

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