

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Pentecost 15 (Trinity 14): Sunday 28th August 2016

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 (Proverbs 25:6–7)

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALTERNATIVE FIRST READING (Sirach 10:12–18)

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

PSALM (Psalm 112)

Alleluia. Blessed are those who / fear the / Lord :
and have great de/light in / his com/mandments.

Their descendants will be mighty / in the / land :
a generation of the / faithful that / will be / blest.

Wealth and riches will be / in their / house :
and their / righteousness en/dures for / ever.

Light shines in the darkness / for the / upright :
gracious and full of com/passion / are the / righteous.

It goes well with those who are / generous in / lending :
and order / their af/fairs with / justice,

For they will / never be / shaken :
the righteous will be held in / ever/lasting re/membrance.

They will not be afraid of any / evil / tidings :
their heart is steadfast, / trusting / in the / Lord.

Their heart is sustained and / will not / fear :
until they see the / downfall / of their / foes.

They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands / fast for / ever :

their head will / be ex/alted with / honour.

The wicked shall see it and be angry;

they shall gnash their teeth / in des/pair :
the de/sire • of the / wicked shall / perish.

SECOND READING (Hebrews 14:1–8; 15–16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Wednesday 31st August

10:00am Mass at St Martin's

Friday 2nd September

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

12:30pm Lunchtime event: A talk with Ted Goddard

Saturday 3rd September

10:30am Wedding at St Martin's

Services on Sunday 4th September (Pentecost 16: Trinity 15)

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

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

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

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

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

Other Notices

Silent Auction at St Martin's

The Annual Silent Auction will be on Friday 16th September in St Martin's Church Hall. If you any good, saleable items that you are willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful.

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