

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 3)
Sunday 12th June, 2016

***Prayer request:** Please add any prayer requests to the book at the entrance to church before the service, and they shall be included in the intercessions during the service.*

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

2 Samuel 11. 26 – 12. 10, 13-15

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

7 Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die.' Then Nathan went to his house.

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

PSALM

Psalm 32

Happy the one whose transgression / is for/given :
and / whose / sin is / covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord im/putes no / guilt :
and in whose / spirit there / is no / guile.

For I / held my / tongue :
my bones wasted away
through my / groaning / all the day / long.

Your hand was heavy upon me / day and / night :
my moisture was dried up / like the / drought in / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to / you :
and my in/iquity I / did not / hide.

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions / to the / Lord' :
and you for/gave the / guilt of my / sin.

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in / time of / trouble :
in the great / water flood, it / shall not / reach them.

You are a place for me to hide in;
you pre/serve me from / trouble :
you sur/round me with / songs of de/liverance.

'I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that / you should / go :
I will / guide you / with my / eye.

'Be not like horse and mule
which have / no • under/standing :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they / will not / stay / near you.'

Great tribulations re/main for the / wicked :
but mercy embraces / those who / trust in the / Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and re/joyce in the / Lord :
shout for joy, / all who are / true of / heart.

SECOND READING

Galatians 2. 15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves

have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

GOSPEL

Luke 7.36 – 8.3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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Notices

Today

3.00-4.30pm LMA Kids Club at St Thomas' Church Hall, St Thomas Green. All children welcome. For details, please contact one of the clergy.

Wednesday

10.00am Mass at St Martin's, followed by coffee in the hall.

7.00pm LMA Ministry Team Meeting at St Martin's Vicarage.

Friday

11.00am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's, followed by tea and toast.

12.30pm Lunchtime Talk at St Mary's, given by Pat Barker. 'What the Sir John Perrot Trust has done for Haverfordwest.'

Saturday

7.00pm Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir Annual Patrons Concert at St Mary's.

Next Sunday (12th June)

3.00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's V.A. School, Merlins Bridge.

Services next Sunday, 19th June – Pentecost 5 (Trinity 4)

- 8.00am Low Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest
- 9.30am Sung Parish Mass & Baptism at St Martin's, Haverfordwest
- 10.15am Parish Eucharist at St Ismael's Church, Camrose
- 11.15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Haverfordwest
- 3.00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's V.A. School Merlins Bridge

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