

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity 4)
Sunday 19th 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65. 1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM

Psalm 22. 19-28

Be not far from / me, O / Lord :
you are my / strength; / hasten to / help me.

Deliver my soul / from the / sword :
my poor life / from the / power of the / dog.

Save me from the / lion's / mouth :
from the horns of wild oxen. / You have / answered / me!

I will tell of your / name to my / people :
in the midst of the congre/gation / will I / praise you.

Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him :
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of / him, O / seed of / Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his / face / from them :
but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation :
I will perform my vows
in the / presence of / those that / fear you.

The poor shall eat / and be / satisfied :
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their / hearts shall / live for / ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to the / Lord :
and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.

For the kingdom / is the / Lord's :
and he / rules / over the / nations.

SECOND READING

Galatians 3. 23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL

Luke 8. 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Notices

Today (Sunday 19th)

6.00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's V.A. School, Merlins Bridge.

Monday

6.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St Mary's, Haverfordwest.

Tuesday

6.30pm Junior Schools Choir Festival at St Mary's Church, Haverfordwest

Wednesday

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

Friday

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

12.30pm Lunchtime Film – 'Memories of the 50's' – at St Mary's.

Saturday

10.30am Ordination of priests at St David's Cathedral (by invitation only)

Please pray for Revd Belinda Roberts, our Curate, who will be among those being ordained today.

P.T.O.

Next Sunday (26th June)

10.30am Ordination of deacons at St David's Cathedral (by invitation only). Please pray for Alun Evans, our new Curate, who will be among those being ordained today.

6.00pm Local Ministry Area Eucharist (Belinda's First Mass) at St Mary's. This will be the only service in our Local Ministry Area this Sunday.

Services next Sunday, 26th June – Pentecost 6 (Trinity 5)

6.00pm Local Ministry Area Eucharist (Belinda's First Mass) at St Mary's.

Due to the clergy attending the Ordination at the Cathedral in the morning, this will be the only service in our Local Ministry Area this Sunday. Belinda will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time as a priest, and Fr Alun will Deacon for the first time.

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