

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Pentecost 9 (Trinity 8): Sunday 17th July 2016

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Genesis 18:1–10)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

PSALM (Psalm 15)

Lord, who may / dwell in your / tabernacle? :
Who may rest up/on your / holy / hill?

Whoever leads an / uncorrupt / life :
and / does the / thing that is / right;

Who speaks the / truth • from the / heart :
and / bears • no de/ceit on the / tongue;

Who does no / evil • to a / friend :
and / pours no / scorn • on a / neighbour;

In whose sight the wicked are / not es/teemed :
but who honours / those who / fear the / Lord.

Whoever has / sworn to a / neighbour :
and / never goes / back • on that / word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain,
nor takes a bribe a/gainst the / innocent :
Whoever does these / things shall / never / fall.

SECOND READING (Colossians 1:15–28)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this

mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL (Luke 10:38–42)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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Notices

Today (Sunday 17th July)

3:00pm-4:00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's School. All are welcome.

Wednesday 20th July

10:00am Mass at St Martin's

Friday 22nd July

10:00am–4:00pm 'Music ... in bloom' Flower Festival at St Mary's

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

12:30pm Penfro Minstrels lunchtime concert at St Mary's

Saturday 23rd July

10:00am–4:00pm 'Music ... in bloom' Flower Festival at St Mary's

10am Prendergast Church Coffee Morning at Rudbaxton Hall

12:30pm Organ Recital by Peter Allen at St Mary's

Next Sunday (24th July)

10:00am–4:00pm 'Music ... in bloom' Flower Festival at St Mary's

6:00pm Festival Songs of Praise Service at St Mary's

Services next Sunday, 17th July – Pentecost 9 (Trinity 8)

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

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

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

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

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