

Sunday August 7th 2022: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For use at 10.30 am or other suitable time.



Hymn StF 254 H&P 138

Seek ye first the kingdom of God / and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you / Allelu-, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu-, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you / seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you / Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone / but by every word / that proceeds from
the mouth of the Lord / Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b 1948)

Prayer (used at Rev Cliff's Farewell Service on 31st July 2022)



Blessèd are you Holy God, creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessèd are you Holy God, for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.

For every blessing we have received: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessèd are you Holy God, for Jesus Christ our Saviour, truly divine and truly human,
living and dying for us, and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessèd are you Holy God, for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Therefore, Holy God, all glory be given to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Psalm set for today: Psalm 22 v 12 – 22

Gospel Reading set for today: Luke 12 v 22 – 34

Message from a Circuit friend

Last week the Bible passage from Luke talks of storing up grain in barns by a farmer, and that night his barn and wealth are no good to him, for he dies. This week we are told what should happen to our wealth: we should sell what we own and give to the poor. The wealth we gain will be spiritual money that can be stored in God-given purses that will not wear out. It is in giving to charity whether it be Christian Aid, cancer research, the war in Ukraine, or the poor in Africa, that we know that the money they receive will be spent in mending and healing broken lives. Spiritual wealth also comes by the money placed on the collection plate each Sunday. We learn that God

can manage the Church and heal the broken hearts, minds and lives with this. We ask much from God but, without it, not only are wages paid and electricity bills; but spiritually our churches grow in numbers and in wealth of spirit. In a court of law, if wrongs are to be righted, people must pay alimony or damages to help heal the wounds created by lawlessness or sinfulness. Thus, psychologically, physically or emotionally, rights are restored and healing comes. God is not the only one to store up our spiritual wealth; Jesus does and also the Church, including the saints and the monasteries. If, and when, we are in need, we can pray to God or Christ, and the previous prayers we have said can be added for our requests to be granted. It sounds a bit like shopping with money, but you will find that something similar is what happens to our prayers. May your spirits find comfort, blessing and hope in the Lord for Christ's sake. Amen.

Della Collingwood (Local Preacher and member of Wells Methodist Church)

To think about

Do you agree with Della in her interpretation of verses 32 – 34 of the gospel reading?
How do her words shed new understanding on this part of Luke's gospel for you?

How should we respond to the instruction of Jesus to 'sell our possessions' in this day and age, and in our society and situation, do you think?

Hymn StF 558

Lord, you have come to the seashore
neither searching for the rich or the wise
desiring only that I should follow.
*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water
at your side I will seek other shores.*



Lord, see my goods, my possessions
in my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and my labour?
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me...

Lord, as I drift on the waters
be the resting-place of my restless heart, my life's companion, my friend and refuge.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me...

Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936 – 1991) CCL no. 667973

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for our world, our country, our communities, our families and friends, ourselves.

Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord's Prayer...

Hymn StF 566 H&P 705

Take my life, and let it be / consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days / let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold / not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use / every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour / at thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be / ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 – 1879)

May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us, and all those we love, this day and always, Amen.