

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

9th August 2020 – 9th Sunday after Trinity / Proper 14

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

I Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Prayer after Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

Face coverings

From 8th August, face coverings will become compulsory in many indoor venues, including places of worship.

Children under the age of 11 are exempt. There are other exceptions, including for those whose mental or physical health makes wearing a face covering difficult, for those who are accompanying a lip reader, and for those who will be occasioned severe distress by wearing a face covering. Since these exceptions will apply in for very personal and confidential reasons, please treat those who cannot wear face coverings with kindness and respect. There have been some sad instances in the media where this has not occurred on public transport. Those who cannot wear a face covering will of course take particular care over social distancing, for their own protection and for that of others.

The minister, readers, intercessors etc. appear to be exempt, at least while they are speaking, but only if sufficient physical distancing can be maintained. I suggest

that, in the interests of solidarity and the protection of others, we try not remove face coverings if possible.

It is permitted to remove a mask when it is reasonably necessary to eat or drink, which will allow us to take communion. Masks should be removed by the elastic or ties, not by touching the mask itself.

Government guidance on face coverings requires that they "*fit ... securely against the side of the face*", suggesting that visors are not a substitute, although visors may well have value where masks are not worn.

Sunday Supplement content

I have had several requests that the Sunday Supplement be available electronically in advance, and also that it be available after Sunday services with the sermon attached, for those who were unable to attend. For the present therefore, I will email it twice a week, first without, and then with, the sermon.

It might be more logical to make the Supplement and the Sermon available via our websites instead, to reduce email volumes. Let me know how you feel about this – I know that some people have preferred an email.

Wednesday Holy Communion

Please join us this Wednesday at Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills at 11.30am. The small, friendly congregation, drawn from across our churches, will be glad to welcome you.

Online Eucharist

At present I am trialling an audio recording of the midweek service, which is available on the YouTube channel. I hope that this will be a blessing to those who cannot presently attend public worship on Sundays. The service lasts for about 30 minutes and has a full set of readings and a sermon.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMSD6j4ngi9rCe7kzY66Xfw>

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer continues to be available online. The service is about 12 minutes of psalms, readings and reflection. You can join in with the responses or just listen.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4742/page/55145/view/>

Next week's services

Next Sunday, 16th August, is the 10th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15) and is the Third Sunday of the Month. Services are as follows:

9.30am Service of the Word (Kirkby)
9.30am Holy Communion (Ulpha)
11am Morning Prayer, lay-led (Broughton)
6pm Taize (Kirkby)