

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

### The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you  
face to face; 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. AMEN

### A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon [1. 16 - 2. 1, 12-22]

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

*Reader* / This is the Word of the Lord    *Response* / **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 54

**R/ The Lord sustains my life.**

Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.  
Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

**R/ The Lord sustains my life.**

For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.  
Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

**R/ The Lord sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.  
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**R/ The Lord sustains my life.**

**A reading from the letter of St James [3; 13- 4. 3, 7-8a]**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do

not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,  
in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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**[Gradual Hymn]**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord  
Anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life  
**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you:    **And also with you**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark    *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**A**fter leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

*[St Mark 9. 30–37]*

This is the Gospel of the Lord    **Praise to you, O Christ**

**AT THE EUCHARIST TODAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 *Proper 20 B***

**HYMNS:** (*St Arvans*) 449; 456; 398; 362

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them,  
and I will be their Lord for ever.

*The response to the offertory prayers (if said aloud) :*

**Blessed be God for ever**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with devotion and faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

*Celebrant* : Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins  
of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**[Response : Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.]**

**POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE:**

You, O Lord, have charged:  
that we should diligently keep your commandments.  
O that my ways were made direct:  
that I might keep your statutes.

*[Psalm 119. 4]*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

# Notices:

**Meditation on Wednesday evening at 7.15pm in St Arvans Church.** We meditate for around 20 minutes. Do come and take a few minutes for silent contemplation or prayer in the middle of our busy lives.

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## **The Ministry Area Prayer Group - NO MEETING THIS WEEK**

We pray for our own local communities and churches, for the wider church, for those who have asked for our prayers, for those in need locally, nationally and globally. If there is anything you would like us to pray for – come and join us, just for one week if you like, you don't have to become a regular member. Or send your request to [david@bedlambeds.com](mailto:david@bedlambeds.com)

Future prayer meetings will be held at 7.30pm on:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October St. Deiniol, Itton
- 10<sup>th</sup> October St. James, Devauden
- 17<sup>th</sup> October St. Arvans
- 24<sup>th</sup> October St. Tewdric, Mathern
- 31<sup>st</sup> October St. Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton

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## **The Ministry Area Bible Study Group** meets every Tuesday in Shirenewton Church Rooms at 2.45pm

Everyone is most welcome - we are a small and very friendly group, and our study is very practically based: what does the bible mean for the way we should be living our lives today.

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### **MINISTRY AREA BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

A free cream tea and a chance to meet others from across the Ministry Area. To book please contact Revd Zoe [severn.wye.MAL@gmail.com](mailto:severn.wye.MAL@gmail.com) or 07754 306229

Parties will be held every other month on 10th November, 12th January - please come to the party closest to your birthday !

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